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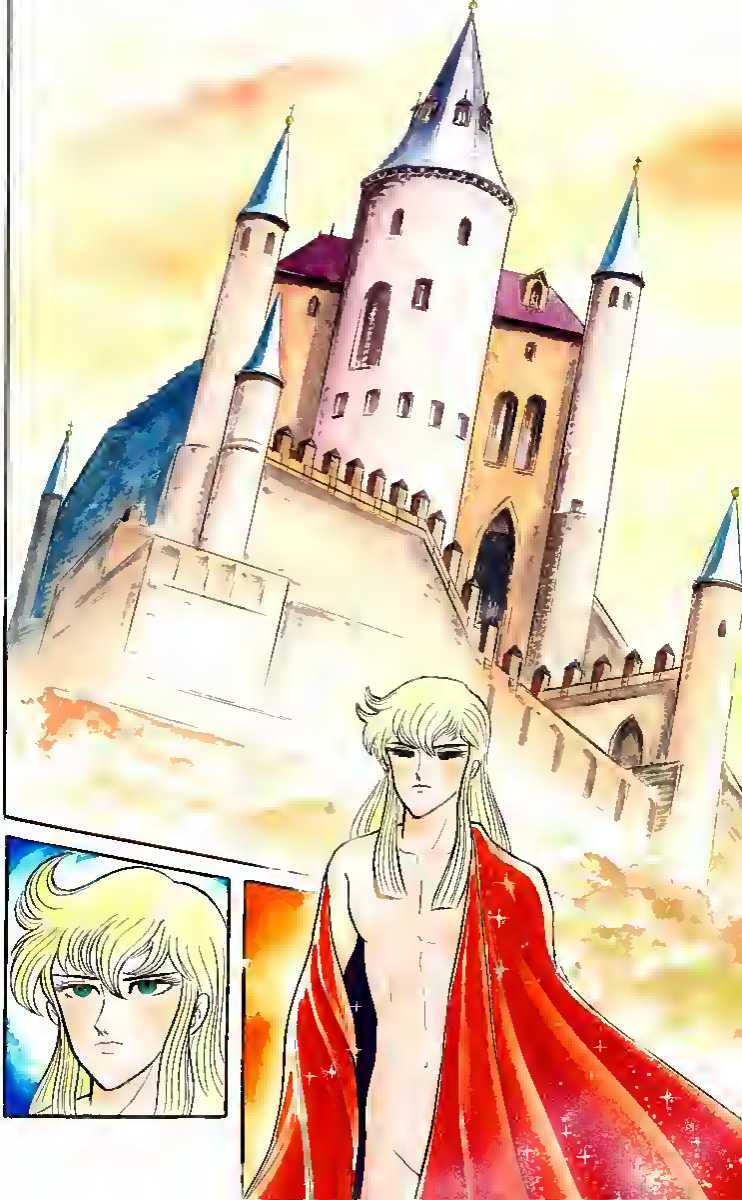
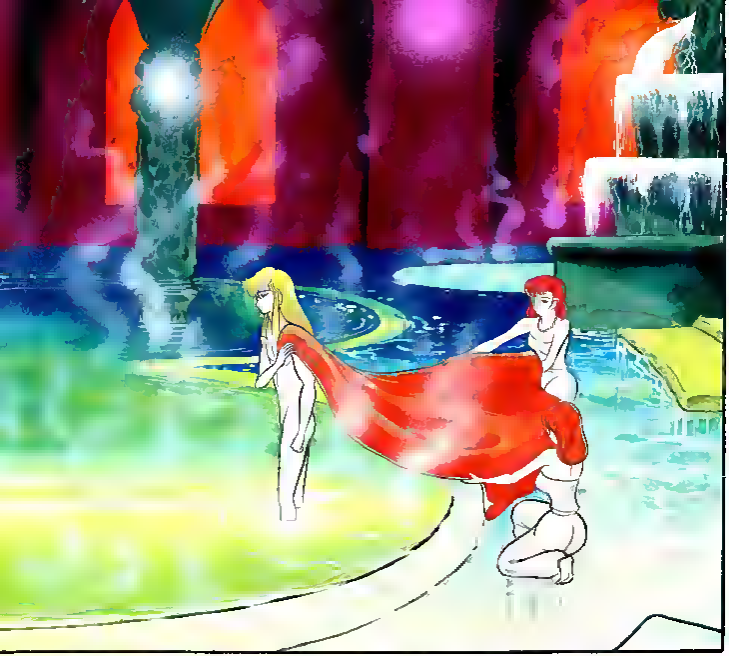
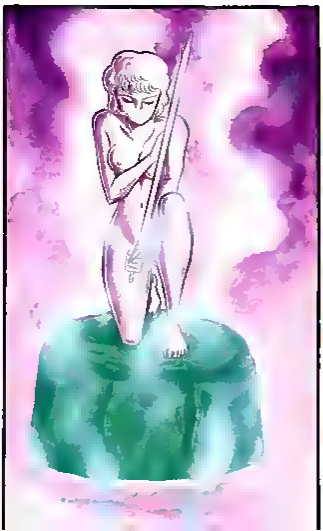
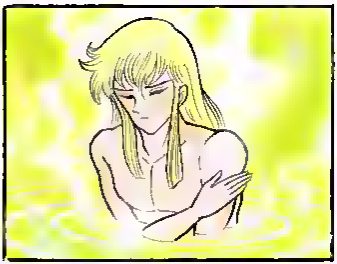
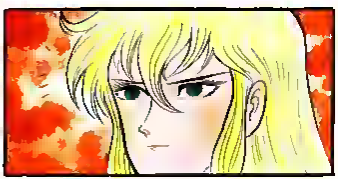
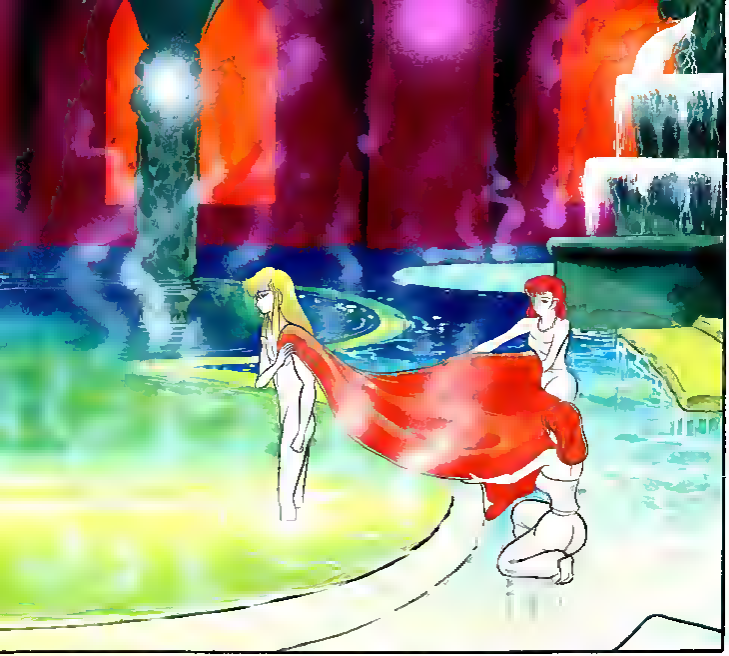


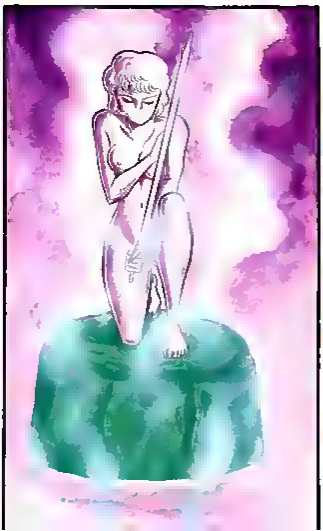


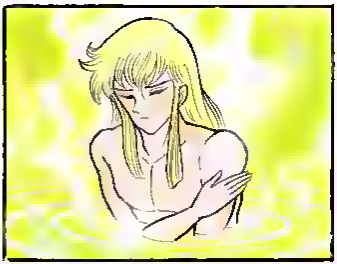


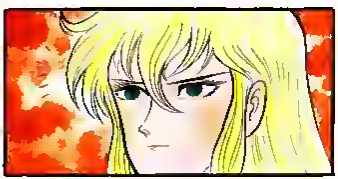


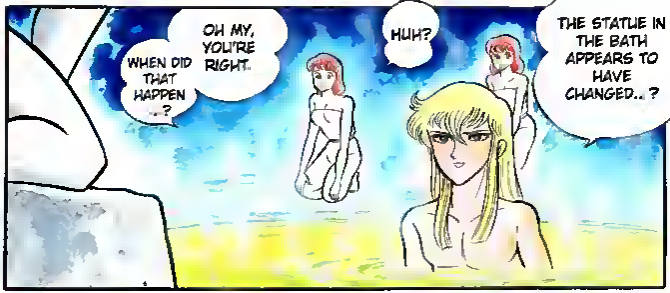


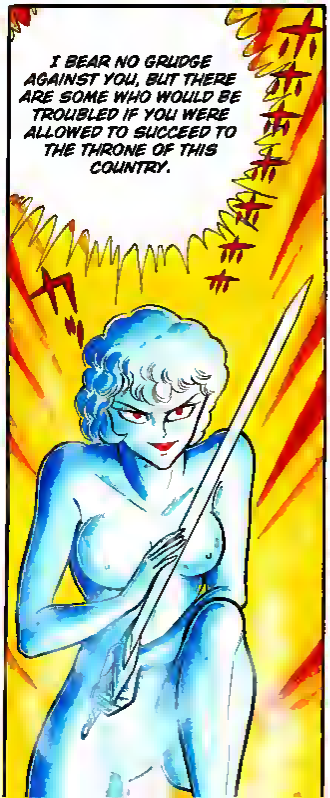




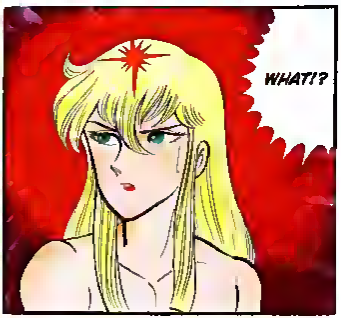





WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN..?
OH MY, YOU'RE RIGHT.
HUH?
THE STATUE IN THE BATH APPEARS TO HAVE CHANGED..?


I BEAR NO GRUDGE AGAINST YOU, BUT THERE ARE SOME WHO WOULD BE TROUBLED IF YOU WERE ALLOWED TO SUCCEED TO THE THRONE OF THIS COUNTRY.

WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING, BUT...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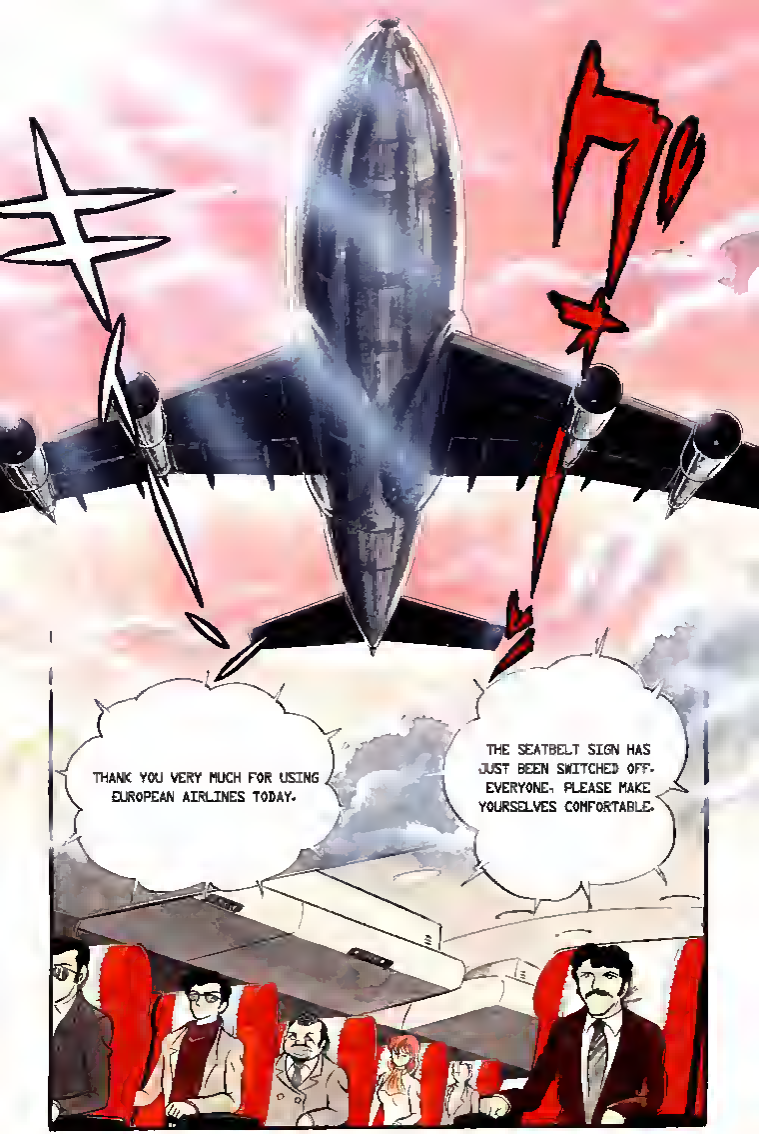
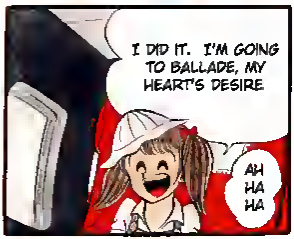
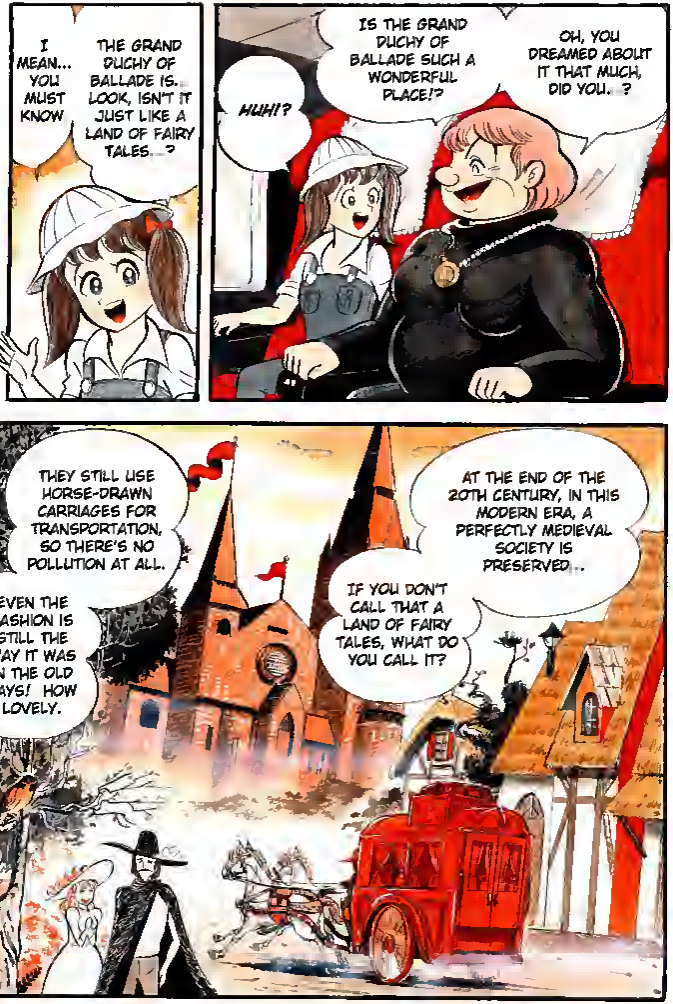

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR USING EUROPEAN AIRLINES TODAY.
THE SEATBELT SIGN HAS JUST BEEN SWITCHED OFF. EVERYONE, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE.

PLEASE RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE SKIES.

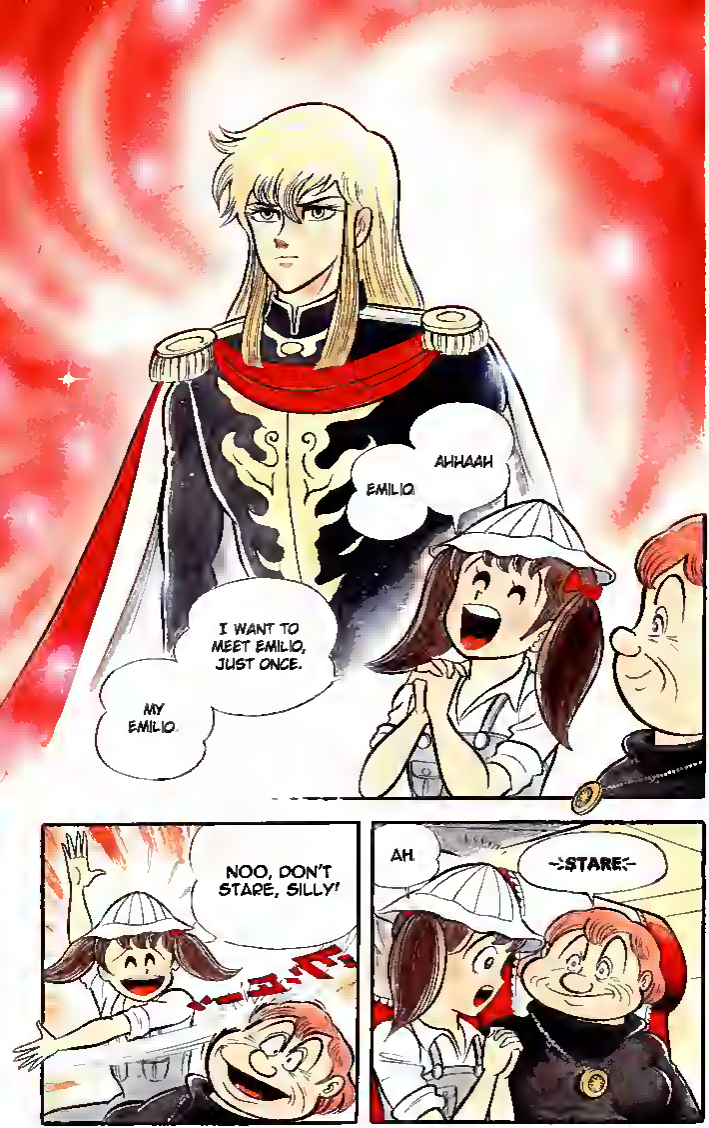
THIS PLANE WILL BE ARRIVING AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN EUROPE'S COUNTRY OF DREAMS, THE GRAND DUCHY OF BALLADE, IN THREE HOURS

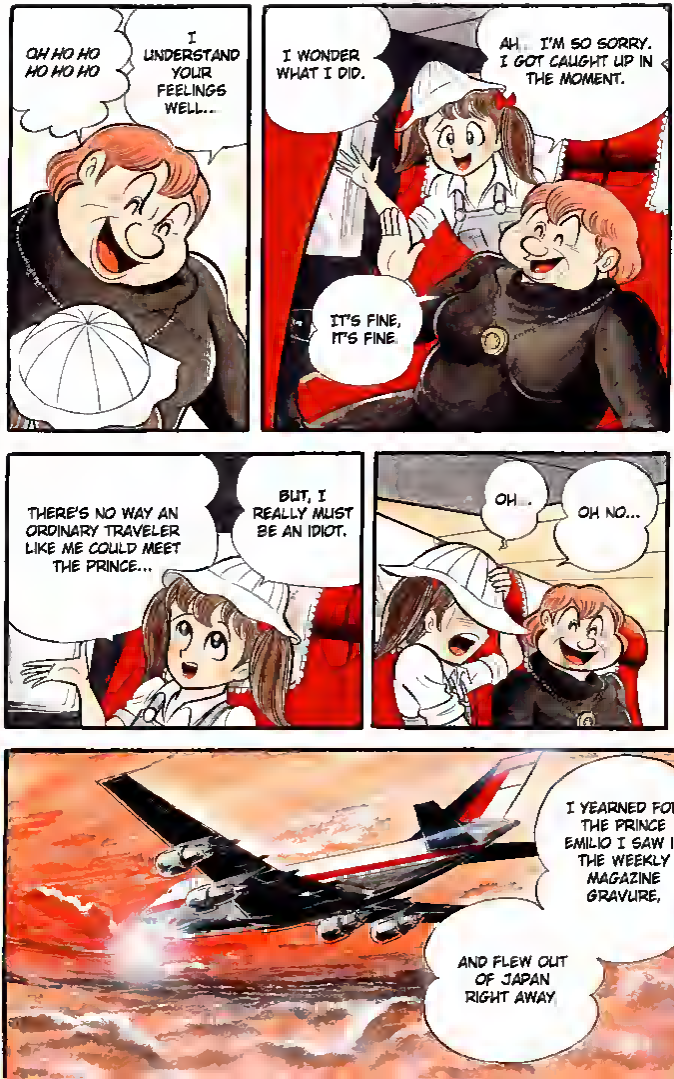
MY HEART IS RACING... THE GRAND DUCHY OF BALLADE HAS BEEN MY DREAM SINCE I WAS A CHILD.

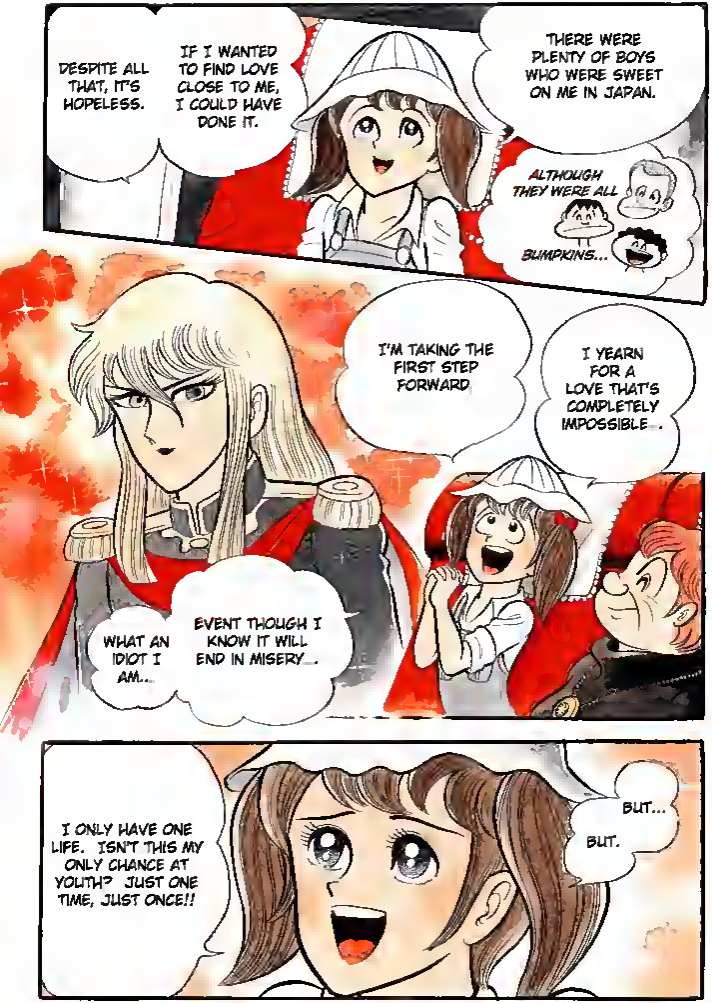



I MEAN... YOU MUST KNOW
THE GRAND DUCHY OF BALLADE IS... LOOK, ISN'T IT JUST LIKE A LAND OF FAIRY TALES...?
HUH!?
IS THE GRAND DUCHY OF BALLADE SUCH A WONDERFUL PLACE!?
OH, YOU DREAMED ABOUT IT THAT MUCH, DID YOU...?
THEY STILL USE HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES FOR TRANSPORTATION, SO THERE'S NO POLLUTION AT ALL.
EVEN THE FASHION IS STILL THE WAY IT WAS IN THE OLD DAYS! HOW LOVELY.
AT THE END OF THE 20TH CENTURY, IN THIS MODERN ERA, A PERFECTLY MEDIEVAL SOCIETY IS PRESERVED...
IF YOU DON'T CALL THAT A LAND OF FAIRY TALES, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?

CIVILIZED THINGS LIKE TELEVISIONS, RADIOS, AND TELEPHONES HAVE MADE THEIR WAY IN,
BUT WEAPONS ARE STILL THE WAY THEY WERE IN THE PAST... SAY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE POLICE CARRY?
SWORDS. THEY DON'T HAVE PISTOLS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, AFTER ALL. AH HA HA HA HA
ON TOP OF THAT..
A BEAUTIFUL CASTLE..
AND INSIDE IT...

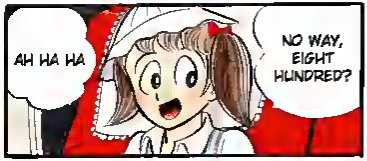

I WANT TO MEET EMILIO, JUST ONCE.
MY EMILIO
AHHAAH
EMILIO
NOO, DON'T STARE, SILLY!
AH
-:STARE:-

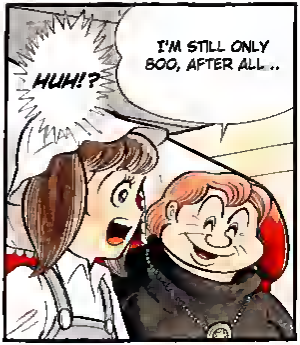

OH HO HO HO HO HO
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS WELL...
I WONDER WHAT I DID.
AH... I'M SO SORRY. I GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT.
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.
THERE'S NO WAY AN ORDINARY TRAVELER LIKE ME COULD MEET THE PRINCE...
BUT, I REALLY MUST BE AN IDIOT.
OH...
OH NO...
I YEARNED FOR THE PRINCE EMILIO I SAW IN THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE GRAVURE,
AND FLEW OUT OF JAPAN RIGHT AWAY


THERE WERE PLENTY OF BOYS WHO WERE SWEET ON ME IN JAPAN.
ALTHOUGH THEY WERE ALL
BUMPKINS...
IF I WANTED TO FIND LOVE CLOSE TO ME, I COULD HAVE DONE IT.
DESPITE ALL THAT, IT'S HOPELESS.
I YEARN FOR A LOVE THAT'S COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE.
I'M TAKING THE FIRST STEP FORWARD
EVENT THOUGH I KNOW IT WILL END IN MISERY...
WHAT AN IDIOT I AM...
BUT...
BUT.
I ONLY HAVE ONE LIFE. ISN'T THIS MY ONLY CHANCE AT YOUTH? JUST ONE TIME, JUST ONCE!!

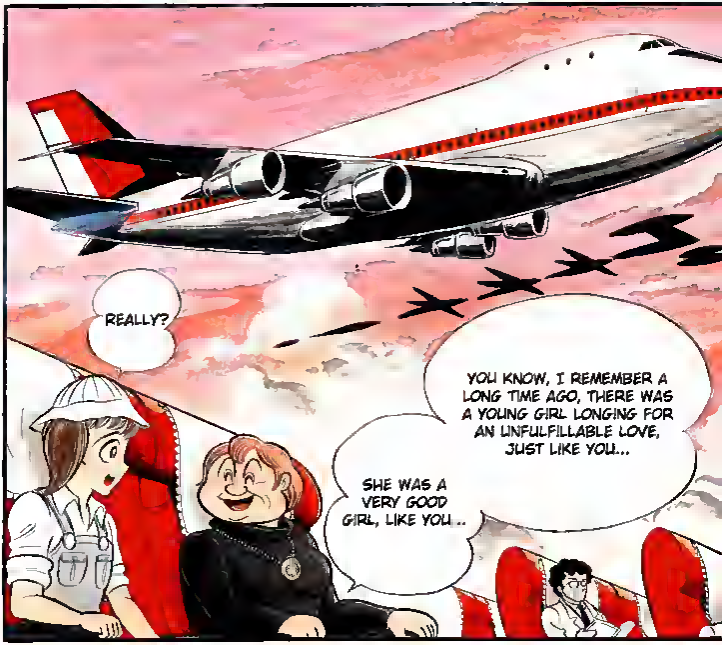
I WANT TO
TRY LOVING
BIG!!

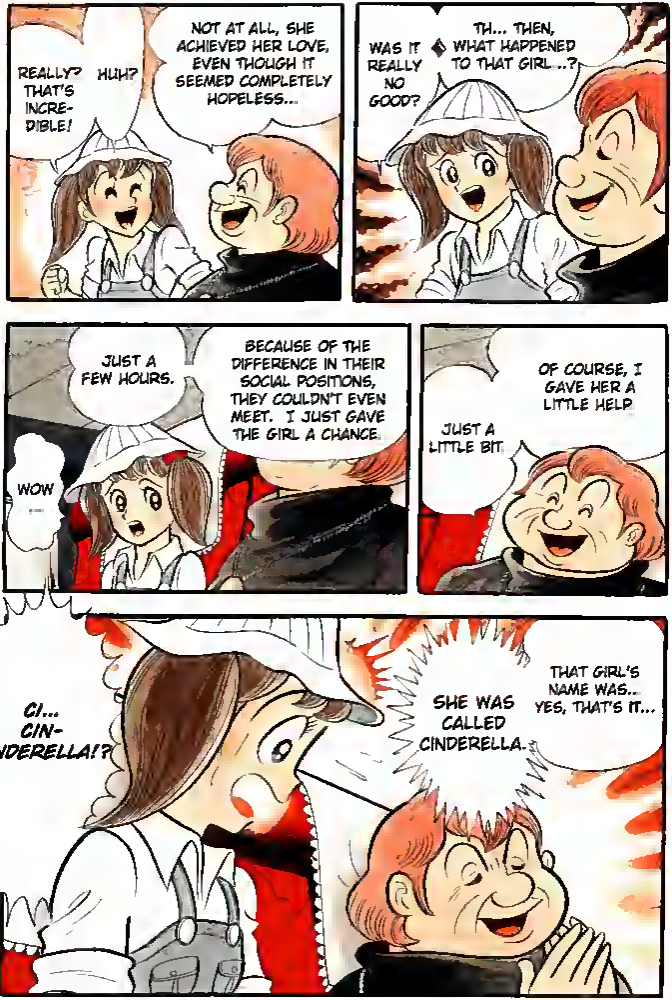
HO HO HO, YOU'RE CERTAINLY A LIVELY LITTLE GIRL, AREN'T YOU?
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A LITTLE GIRL!?
I'M SO SORRY, AMU SOORI! IT'S NOTHING, NOTHING AT ALL!
EEK.
BUT IT'S AWFUL.
WELL... THEY SAY ALL JAPANESE PEOPLE LOOK YOUNG TO A FOREIGNER'S EYES, SO I GUESS YOU COULDN'T HELP IT.
HMPH.
I'VE EVEN GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
LISTEN UP: I MIGHT LOOK LIKE A KID, BUT I'M 18.
EVEN IN JAPAN I GET MISTAKEN FOR A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER, BUT...
OH DEAR.
I'M SORRY.
IN THAT CASE, DON'T CALL ME AN 'OLD LADY' EITHER.

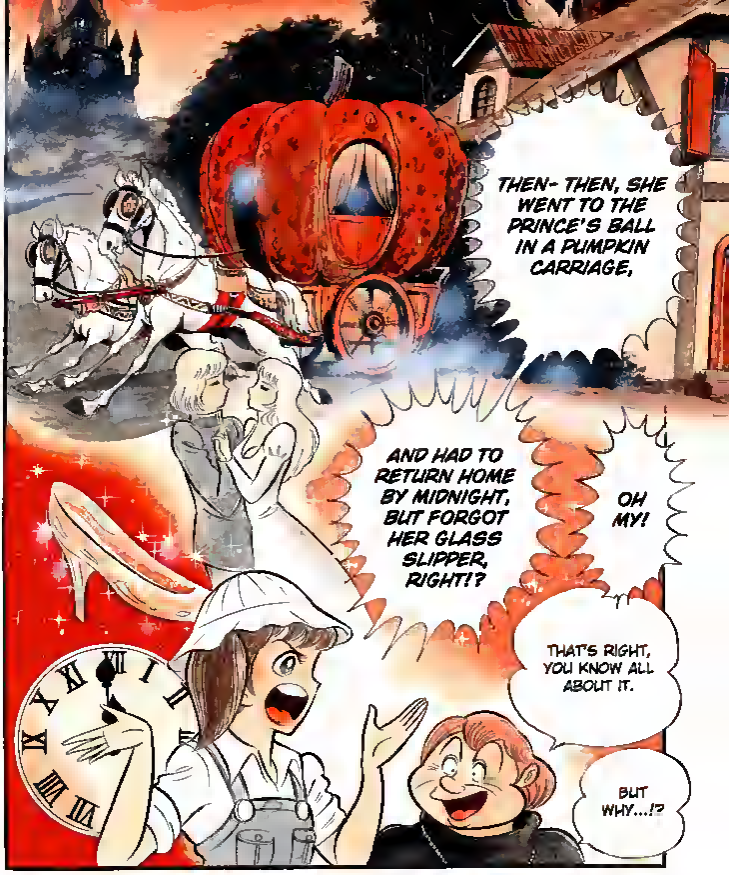

AH HA HA
NO WAY, EIGHT HUNDRED?

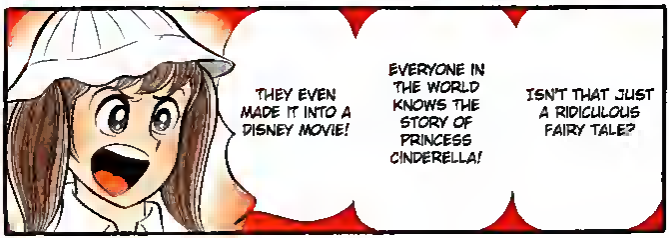

I'M STILL ONLY 800, AFTER ALL ..
HUH!?

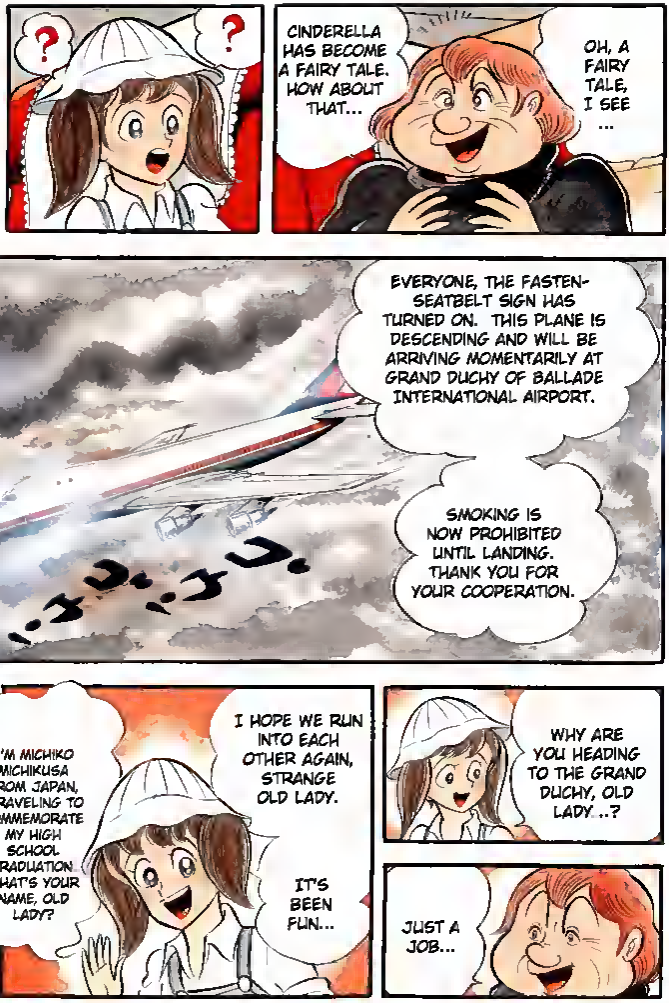
WHAT A WEIRD OLD LADY.


REALLY?
YOU KNOW, I REMEMBER A LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS A YOUNG GIRL LONGING FOR AN UNFULFILLABLE LOVE, JUST LIKE YOU...
SHE WAS A VERY GOOD GIRL, LIKE YOU ..


NOT AT ALL, SHE ACHIEVED HER LOVE, EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMED COMPLETELY HOPELESS...
HUH?
REALLY? THAT'S INCRE-DIBLE!
TH... THEN, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT GIRL ..?
WAS IT REALLY NO GOOD?
BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR SOCIAL POSITIONS, THEY COULDN'T EVEN MEET. I JUST GAVE THE GIRL A CHANCE.
JUST A FEW HOURS.
WOW ...
OF COURSE, I GAVE HER A LITTLE HELP
JUST A LITTLE BIT
THAT GIRL'S NAME WAS.. YES, THAT'S IT...
SHE WAS CALLED CINDERELLA.
CI... CIN-CINDERELLA!?


THEN- THEN, SHE WENT TO THE PRINCE'S BALL IN A PUMPKIN CARRIAGE,
AND HAD TO RETURN HOME BY MIDNIGHT, BUT FORGOT HER GLASS SLIPPER, RIGHT!?
OH MY!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
BUT WHY...!?


THEY EVEN MADE IT INTO A DISNEY MOVIE!
EVERYONE IN THE WORLD KNOWS THE STORY OF PRINCESS CINDERELLA!
ISN'T THAT JUST A RIDICULOUS FAIRY TALE?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CINDERELLA HAS BECOME A FAIRY TALE. HOW ABOUT THAT...
OH, A FAIRY TALE, I SEE ...
EVERYONE, THE FASTEN-SEATBELT SIGN HAS TURNED ON. THIS PLANE IS DESCENDING AND WILL BE ARRIVING MOMENTARILY AT GRAND DUCHY OF BALLADE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.
SMOKING IS NOW PROHIBITED UNTIL LANDING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
I'M MICHIKO MICHIKUSA FROM JAPAN, TRAVELING TO COMMEMORATE MY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. WHAT'S YOUR NAME, OLD LADY?
I HOPE WE RUN INTO EACH OTHER AGAIN, STRANGE OLD LADY.
IT'S BEEN FUN...
WHY ARE YOU HEADING TO THE GRAND DUCHY, OLD LADY..?
JUST A JOB...

YAABA
YAABA? HOW WEIRD EE HEE HEE HEE
YAABA CALL ME YAABA
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PRINCE EMILIO BALLADE, PREPARE YOURSELF!!
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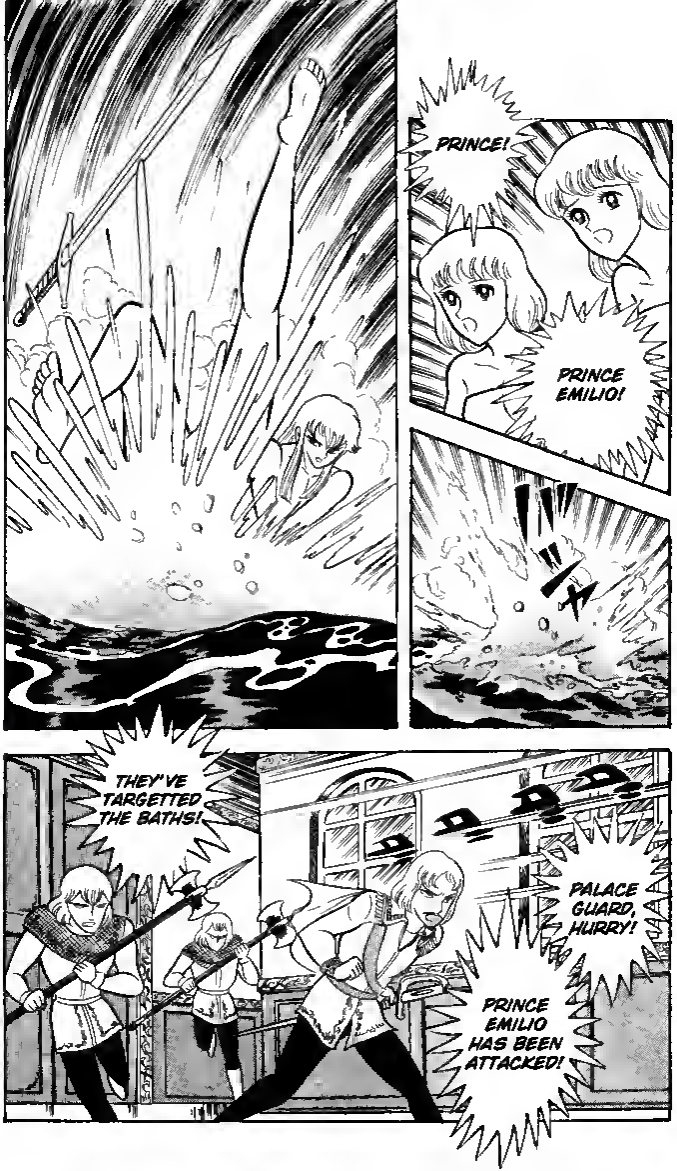
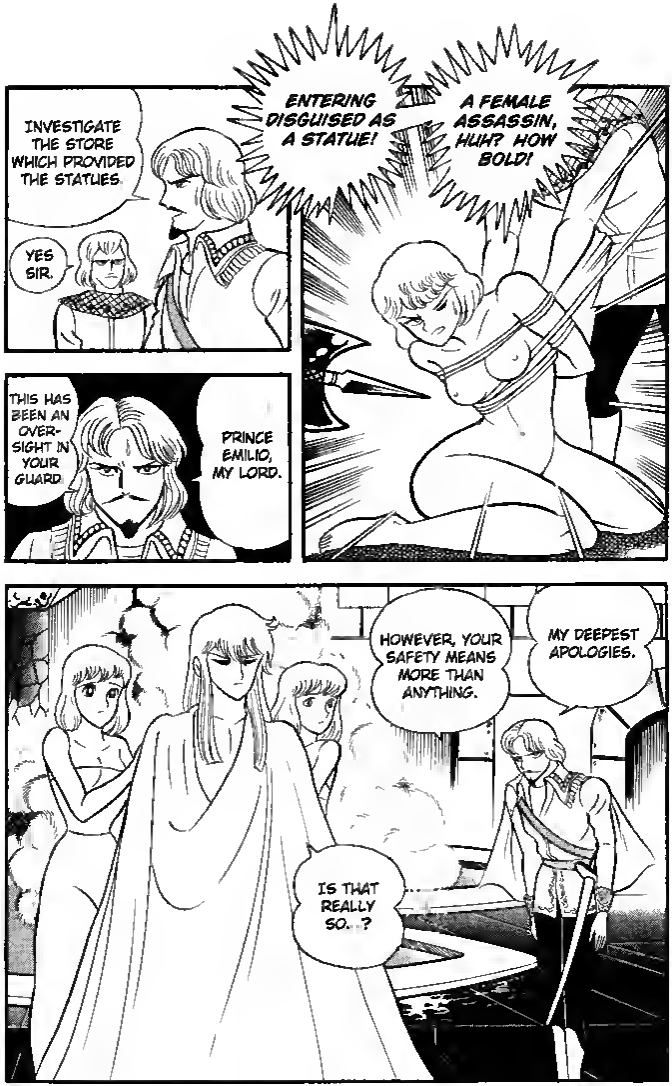
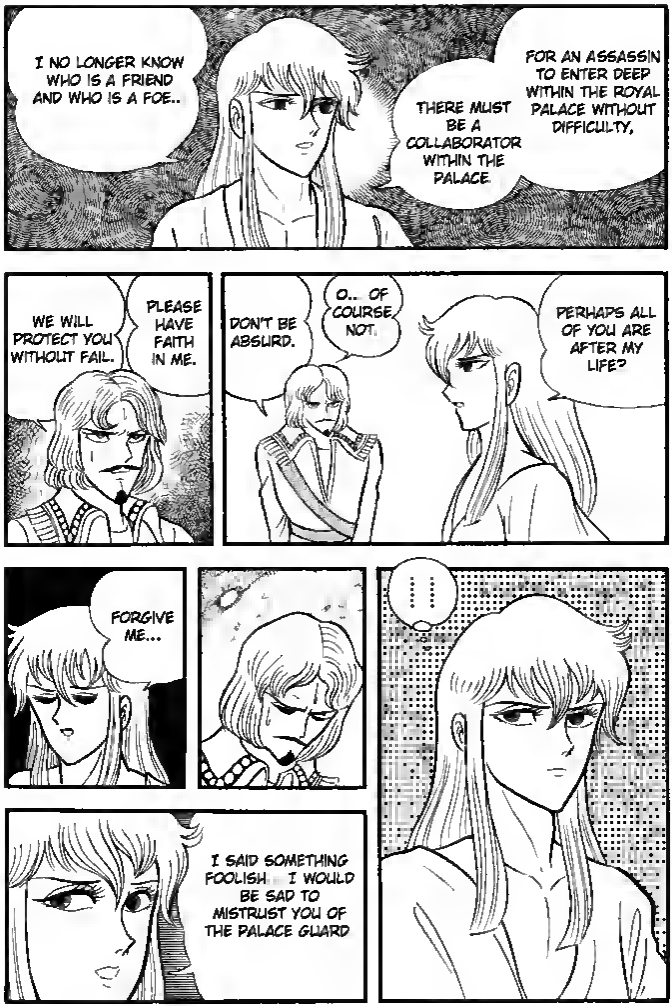

PRINCE!
PRINCE EMILIO!
THEY'VE TARGETTED THE BATHS!
PALACE GUARD, HURRY!
PRINCE EMILIO HAS BEEN ATTACKED!


INVESTIGATE THE STORE WHICH PROVIDED THE STATUES.
YES SIR.
ENTERING DISGUISED AS A STATUE!
A FEMALE ASSASSIN, HUH? HOW BOLD!
THIS HAS BEEN AN OVER-SIGHT IN YOUR GUARD.
PRINCE EMILIO, MY LORD.
HOWEVER, YOUR SAFETY MEANS MORE THAN ANYTHING.
MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES.
IS THAT REALLY SO. . ?


I NO LONGER KNOW WHO IS A FRIEND AND WHO IS A FOE..
THERE MUST BE A COLLABORATOR WITHIN THE PALACE.
FOR AN ASSASSIN TO ENTER DEEP WITHIN THE ROYAL PALACE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY,
WE WILL PROTECT YOU WITHOUT FAIL.
PLEASE HAVE FAITH IN ME.
DON'T BE ABSURD.
O.. OF COURSE, NOT.
PERHAPS ALL OF YOU ARE AFTER MY LIFE?
FORGIVE ME...
I SAID SOMETHING FOOLISH... I WOULD BE SAD TO MISTRUST YOU OF THE PALACE GUARD
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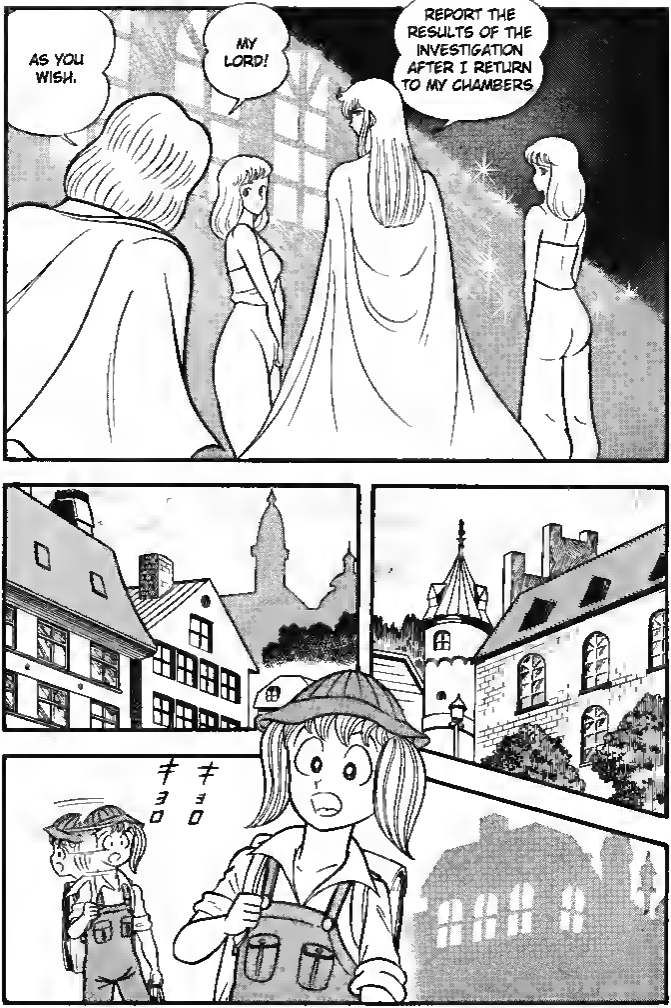
AS YOU WISH.
MY LORD!
REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION AFTER I RETURN TO MY CHAMBERS
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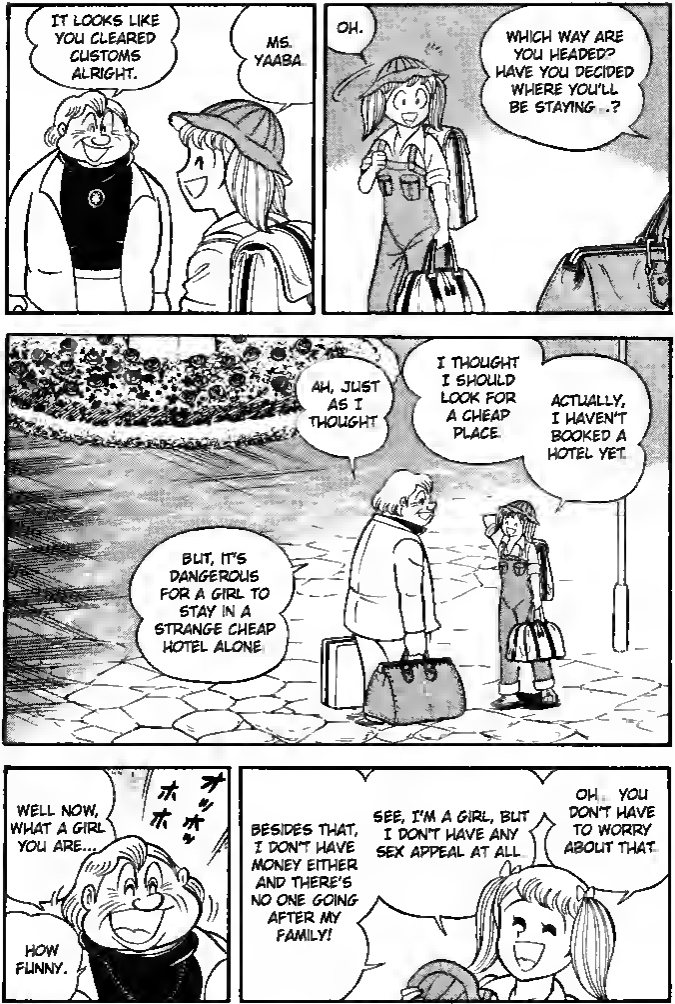
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CLEARED CUSTOMS ALRIGHT.
MS. YAABA.
OH.
WHICH WAY ARE YOU HEADED? HAVE YOU DECIDED WHERE YOU'LL BE STAYING...?
AH, JUST AS I THOUGHT.
I THOUGHT I SHOULD LOOK FOR A CHEAP PLACE.
ACTUALLY, I HAVEN'T BOOKED A HOTEL YET.
BUT, IT'S DANGEROUS FOR A GIRL TO STAY IN A STRANGE CHEAP HOTEL ALONE.
WELL NOW, WHAT A GIRL YOU ARE...
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HOW FUNNY.
BESIDES THAT, I DON'T HAVE MONEY EITHER AND THERE'S NO ONE GOING AFTER MY FAMILY!
SEE, I'M A GIRL, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY SEX APPEAL AT ALL.
OH... YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
SFX: OH HOW HO HO

REALLY? YOU'RE A LIFE SAVER!
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UNLIKE YOU, I DON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH MONEY.
WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH ME? I'LL GIVE YOU A PLACE TO STAY.
SFX WOW
WELL NOW, WHY DON'T WE GRAB A TAXI?
AH HAH HAH, I DOUBT I COULD FIND A BUYER FOR YOU, MICHIKO.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TRICK ME AND SELL ME INTO SLAVERY...?
BUT, PEOPLE WHO SEEM NICE CAN BE DANGEROUS.
WHA-WHAT!?
WAIT A MINUTE, ISN'T THAT GOING A BIT TOO FAR!?
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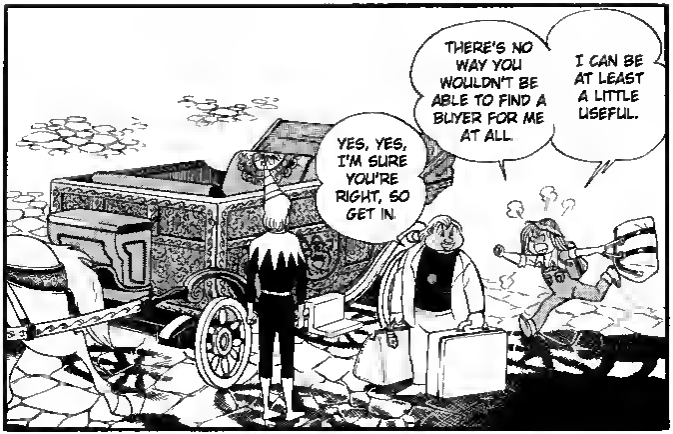
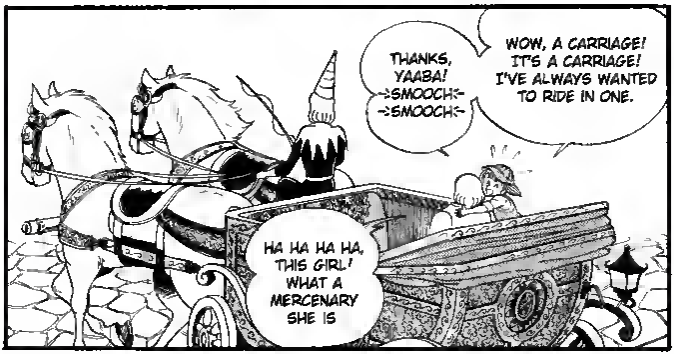
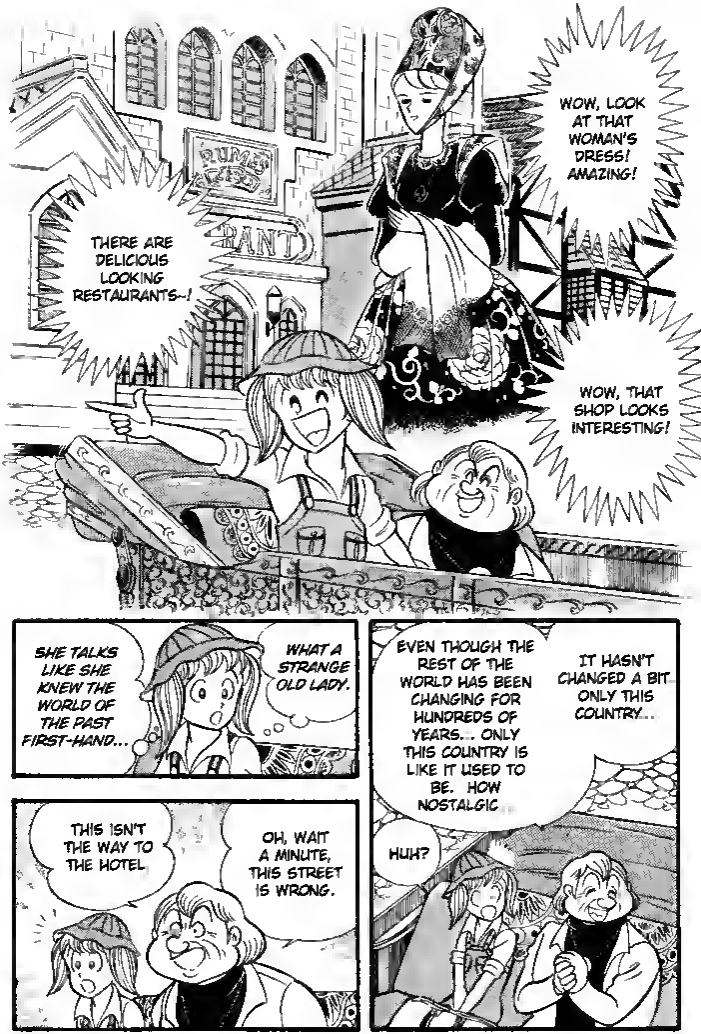
OH, I SEE, SO YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND A BUYER FOR ME... AH HA HA HA
I'M SO RELIEVED

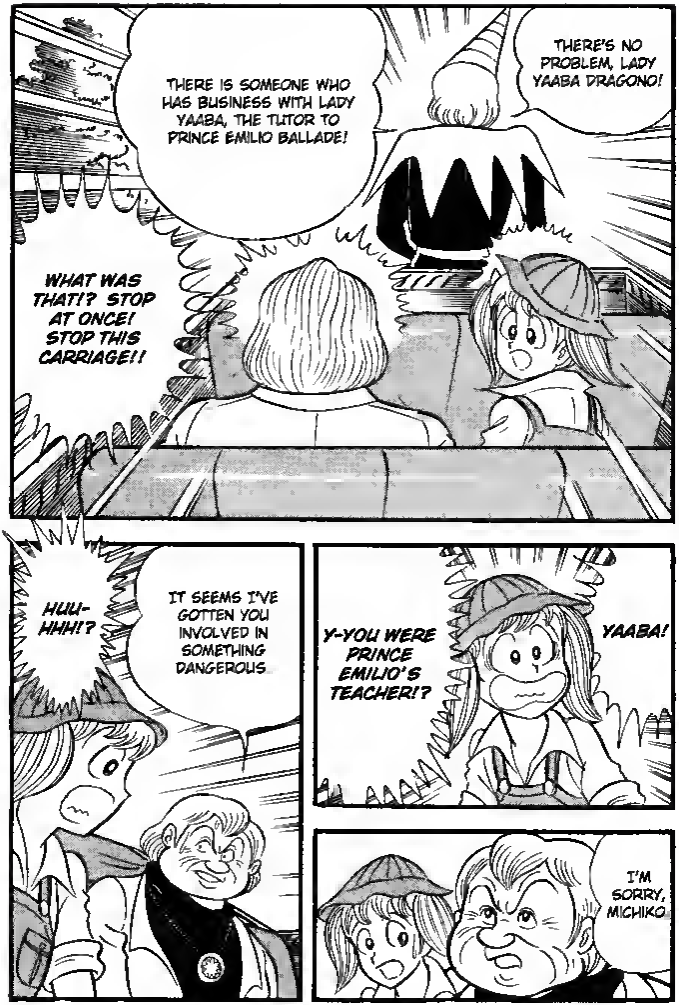

I CAN BE AT LEAST A LITTLE USEFUL.
THERE'S NO WAY YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND A BUYER FOR ME AT ALL.
YES, YES, I'M SURE YOU'RE RIGHT, SO GET IN.


WOW, A CARRIAGE! IT'S A CARRIAGE! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO RIDE IN ONE.
THANKS, YAABA! :SMOOCH: ~:SMOOCH:
HA HA HA HA, THIS GIRL! WHAT A MERCENARY SHE IS

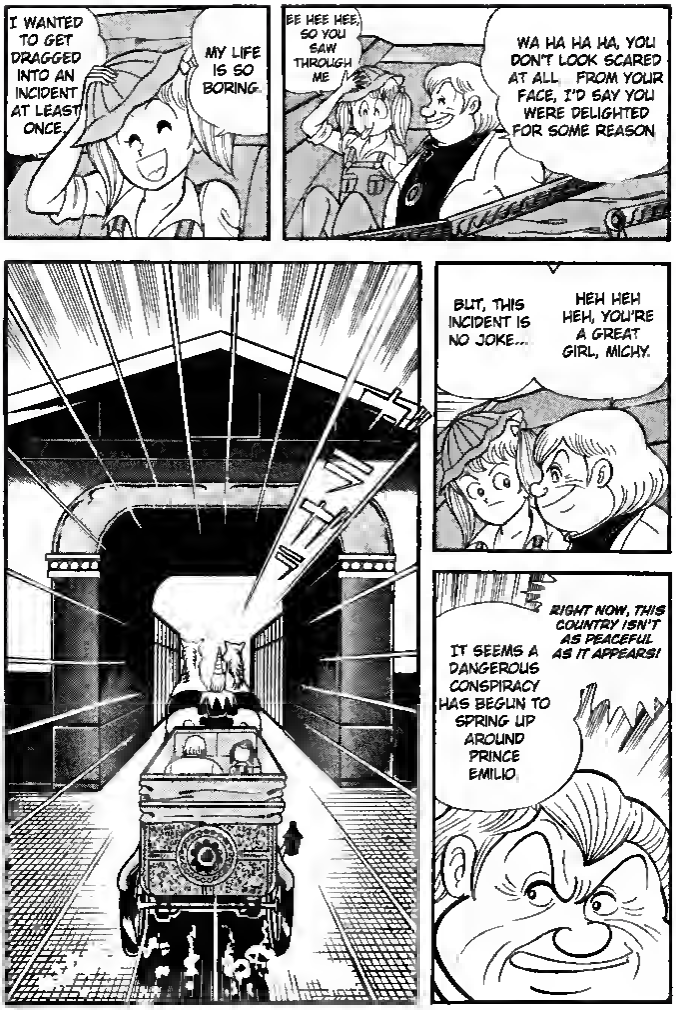
TAKE US TO THE IMPERIAL BALLADE HOTEL.
OH WOW, ISN'T THAT PLACE FIRST CLASS!?
YES MA'AM

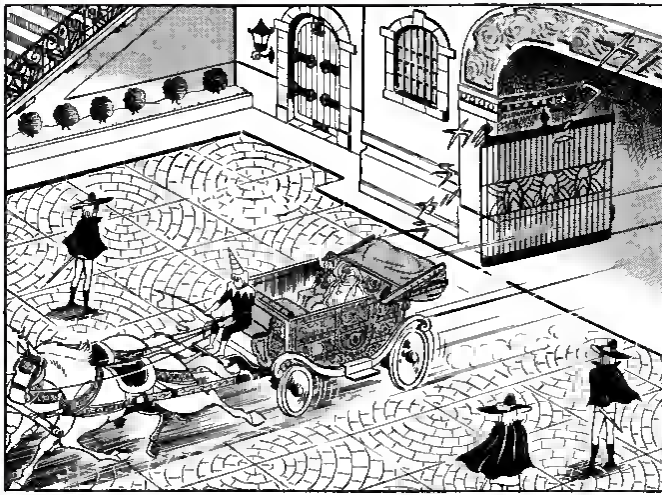
AMAZING!
WHAT PRETTY STREETS.
IT'S AS PRETTY AS A DREAM.


WOW, LOOK AT THAT WOMAN'S DRESS! AMAZING!
THERE ARE DELICIOUS LOOKING RESTAURANTS--!
WOW, THAT SHOP LOOKS INTERESTING!
SHE TALKS LIKE SHE KNEW THE WORLD OF THE PAST FIRST-HAND...
WHAT A STRANGE OLD LADY.
EVEN THOUGH THE REST OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN CHANGING FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS... ONLY THIS COUNTRY IS LIKE IT USED TO BE. HOW NOSTALGIC
IT HASN'T CHANGED A BIT. ONLY THIS COUNTRY...
HUH?
THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO THE HOTEL
OH, WAIT A MINUTE, THIS STREET IS WRONG.

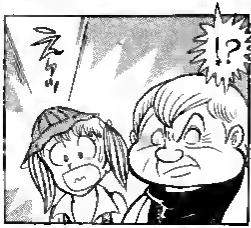

THERE'S NO PROBLEM, LADY YAABA DRAGONO!
THERE IS SOMEONE WHO HAS BUSINESS WITH LADY YAABA, THE TUTOR TO PRINCE EMILIO BALLADE!
WHAT WAS THAT!? STOP AT ONCE! STOP THIS CARRIAGE!!
HUU-HHH!?
IT SEEMS I'VE GOTTEN YOU INVOLVED IN SOMETHING DANGEROUS
Y-YOU WERE PRINCE EMILIO'S TEACHER!?
YAABA!
I'M SORRY, MICHIKO

YOU'RE THE ESTEEMED TEACHER...
B... BUT...
HO HO HO, DON'T SUDDENLY STAND ON CEREMONY NOW.
YAABA IS FINE
NO, UMM, MS PRINCE EMILIO'S T-TEACHER...
YAABA.
OF MY LONGED-FOR PRINCE EMILIO-
I COULDN'T ADDRESS YOU SO INFORMALLY.
YOU'RE GIVING ME THE CREEPS! YOU SHOULD ACT MORE LIKE YOURSELF, MICHIKO, HA HA HA HA!
YAABA IS FINE! YAABA!
I'M SCARED...
I WONDER WHERE WE'RE BEING TAKEN TO?
WELL, WHAT IS IT, MICHY?
THEN, YOU CAN CALL ME MICHY.
IT'S A CUTE NICKNAME, EH HEH...


I WANTED TO GET DRAGGED INTO AN INCIDENT AT LEAST ONCE.
MY LIFE IS SO BORING.
EE HEE HEE. SO YOU SAW THROUGH ME
WA HA HA HA, YOU DON'T LOOK SCARED AT ALL FROM YOUR FACE, I'D SAY YOU WERE DELIGHTED FOR SOME REASON
BUT, THIS INCIDENT IS NO JOKE...
HEH HEH HEH, YOU'RE A GREAT GIRL, MICHY.
RIGHT NOW, THIS COUNTRY ISN'T AS PEACEFUL AS IT APPEARS!
IT SEEMS A DANGEROUS CONSPIRACY HAS BEGUN TO SPRING UP AROUND PRINCE EMILIO.



I'D LIKE YOU TO DIE FOR US!


!?

I AM SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU AS YOU'VE JUST ARRIVED, BUT...
PLEASE DISEMBARK, LADY YAABA D'RAGONO

SFX. HUH!?

WE JUST WANT TO KILL YOU AND SEND A FAKE TUTOR TO PRINCE EMILIO...
ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME THE REASON...?
HUMANS CERTAINLY ARE DEPRAVED! YOU'VE FINALLY SETTLED ON THIS METHOD TO SATISFY YOUR APPETITES!
YOU MEAN TO MURDER AN OLD WOMAN IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THAT COWARDLY SCHEME!
I SEE, AND THAT FAKE TUTOR WILL BE THE ASSASSIN OF EMILIO BALLADE!
HEH HEH HEH, AS YOU SAY, OLD WOMAN!

WHAT AN OUTRAGEOUS THING TO SAY TO PRINCE EMILIO'S TEACHER! YOU DAMN HIT MEN!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING AN OLD LADY!?
EVEN A CHILD CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO KNOW OF OUR PLAN TO ASSASSINATE THE PRINCE!
HEH HEH HEH, OF COURSE, YOU'LL BE DYING ALONG WITH HER.
HO HO HO, YOU'RE INCREDIBLE, MICHY.
YAABA! I'LL PROTECT YOU!
WHILE I'M ALIVE, I WON'T LET YOU KILL YAABA!
ME TOO-!?
WHA-AAT-TT!?

KYAAAAHHH
DIE!
YAA-BA!!
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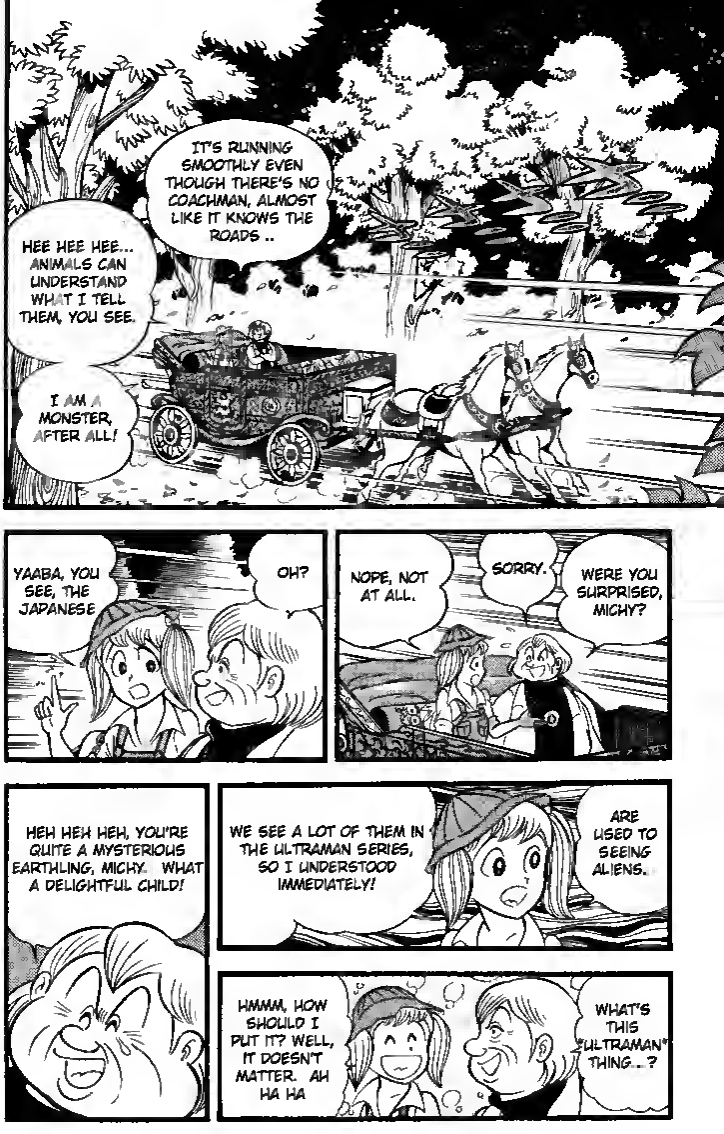
SFX: KYAAAAHH


IT'S RUNNING SMOOTHLY EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NO COACHMAN, ALMOST LIKE IT KNOWS THE ROADS ..
HEE HEE HEE... ANIMALS CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT I TELL THEM, YOU SEE.
I AM A MONSTER, AFTER ALL!
YAABA, YOU SEE, THE JAPANESE
OH?
NOPE, NOT AT ALL.
SORRY.
WERE YOU SURPRISED, MICHY?
HEH HEH HEH, YOU'RE QUITE A MYSTERIOUS EARTHLING, MICHY. WHAT A DELIGHTFUL CHILD!
WE SEE A LOT OF THEM IN THE ULTRAMAN SERIES, SO I UNDERSTOOD IMMEDIATELY!
ARE USED TO SEEING ALIENS.
HMMM, HOW SHOULD I PUT IT? WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER. AH HA HA
WHAT'S THIS "ULTRAMAN" THING...?

AH HAH HA, DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT.
IS THAT SO? I MEANT MYSELF TO BE A FAIRLY REPRESENTATIVE EARTHLING, BUT...
BUT, IT'S SAD. I WANT TO BEFREIND EARTHLINGS.
BUT TO THEM I JUST LOOK LIKE A MONSTER.
IT'S QUITE IRONIC!
THEY CALLED ME A MONSTER, DIDN'T THEY?
LOOK AT THOSE HIRED KILLERS, NOW!
I LOST MY TEMPER AND BLEW THEM AWAY.
THAT WAS AMAZING. WHAT A GOOD FEELING~

IT'S BEEN THAT WAY SINCE LONG AGO .. WHEN HUMANS SEE US, THEY TRY TO WIPE US OUT WITHOUT EVEN STOPPING TO TALK.
MANY OF MY BRETHREN WERE TAKEN BY SURPRISE AND KILLED BY A MAN NAMED SIEGFRIED..
WE CAME A LONG WAY ACROSS SPACE BECAUSE WE LIKED THE PEOPLE OF EARTH
WHAT A DULL STORY....

THANKS TO YOU, MICHY, I CAN COMPLETELY FORGET ABOUT THE PAST.
IS THAT SO? THANK YOU.
SORRY, YAABA.
I'M SO SORRY YAABA...
I...
I... I APOLOGIZE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF EARTH!
SFX: AH HA HA
SO, WE DRAGONIANS DISGUISED OURSELVES IN HUMAN FORM...
WE HID THE FACT THAT WE WERE ALIENS AND CAME TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH HUMANS.
IS OUR SUPER-SCIENCE.
THAT'S RIGHT... MAGIC...
THEN, YOU WERE THE MAGICIANS IN FAIRY TALES.
THEN, AS TIME PASSED, WE LENT OUR POWER TO THOSE WITH JUST HEARTS...

THE NAME OF THE GIRL I LEANT MY POWER TO WHEN I LAST CAME HERE WAS CINDERELLA!
AND WE ARE MAGICIANS!
SHE WAS A KIND GIRL, AND SHE BECAME A SPLENDID QUEEN WHO HELPED TO BUILD A LAND OF PEACE!
AMAZING~! I WANT TO BECOME LIKE CINDERELLA TOO!
MICHY, THIS IS THE HOTEL...
YAABA, I... I WANT TO BECOME CINDERELLA~!

WOOWW
THE HOTEL IS LIKE A CASTLE
IN THIS COUNTRY, WE'RE THE ONES WHO LOOK ODD
NOW, NOW.
THE PORTER LOOKS SO FUNNY

I LOVE YOU, YAABA!
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YOUR CLOTHES ARE A BIT DRAB TOO, MICHY. I'LL BUY YOU SOME FROM THIS COUNTRY.
WHEN YOU COME TO THIS COUNTRY, YOU NEED TO FORGET THAT IT'S THE 20TH CENTURY...
WOW, REA-LLY!?
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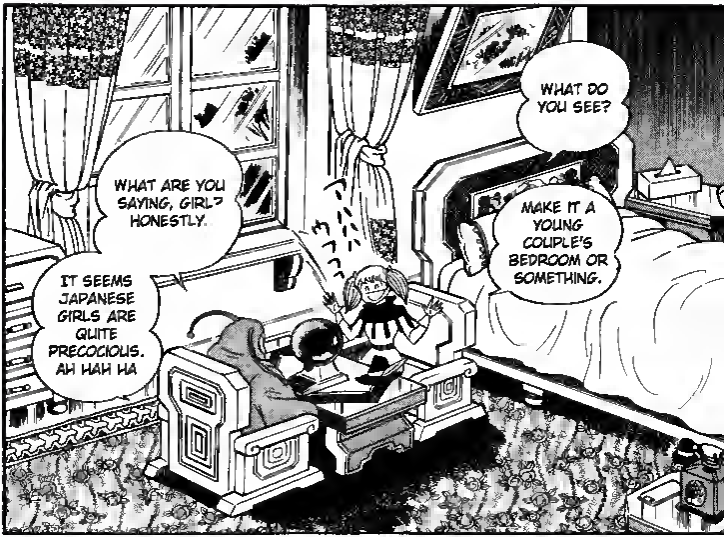
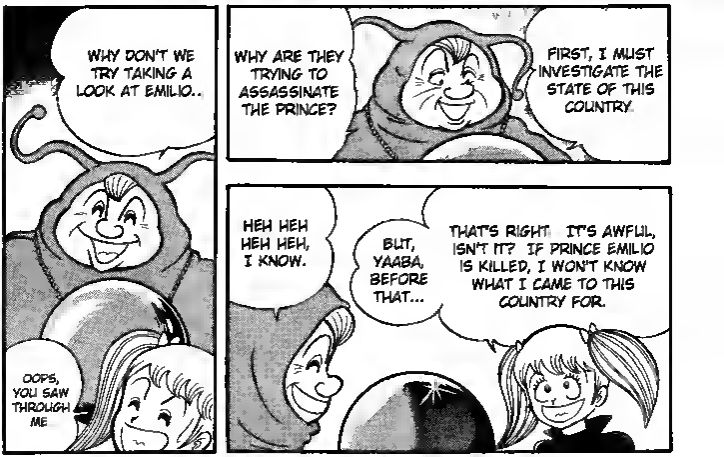
TA-DA-
BUT, YOU DO LOOK A BIT LIKE A BOY.

YOU LOOK LIKE A REAL MAGICIAN NOW, YAABA!
IT WOULD BE TOO HARD TO MOVE IN THE CLOTHES THE WOMEN WEAR HERE!
I'M BETTER OFF LIKE THIS!
HUUHHH!?
WELL THEN, WHY DON'T I...
TRY DOING SOME MAGIC RIGHT AWAY!

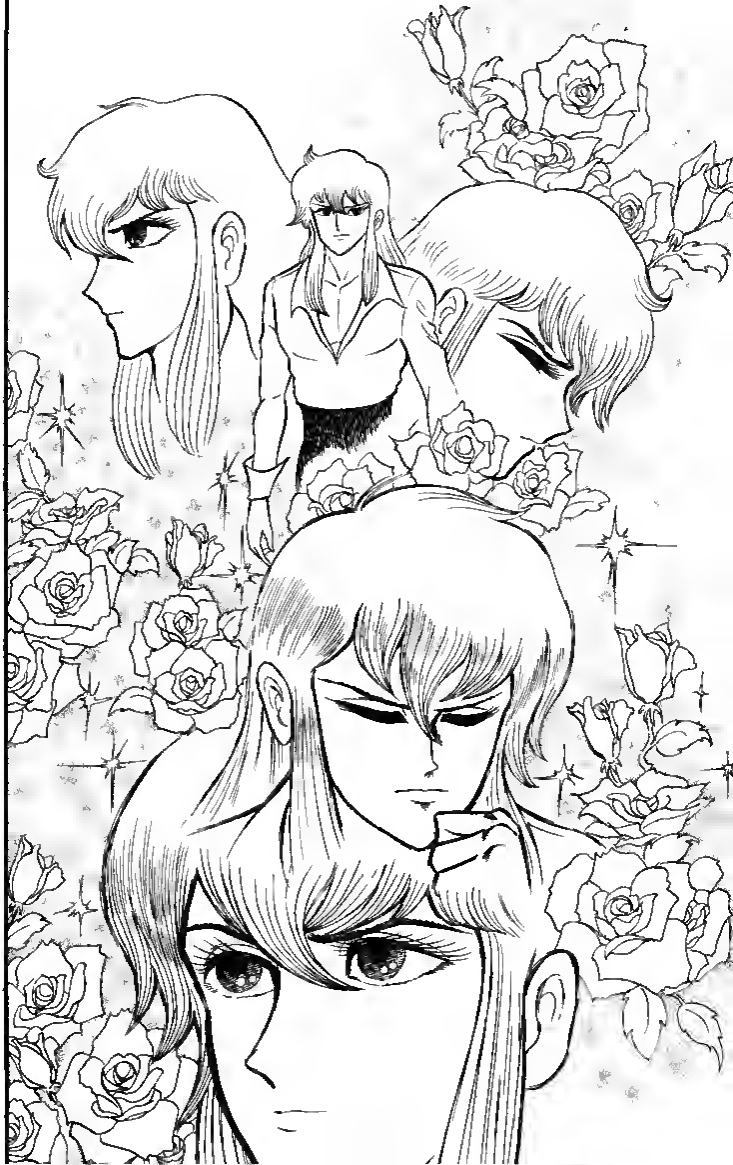
MAGIC? YOU'RE GOING TO DO MAGIC?
REALLY!?
BUT YOU'RE A 20TH CENTURY GIRL, AREN'T YOU? AND FROM TECHNO-LOGICALLY DEVELOPED JAPAN, BESIDES.
WHAT'S THIS? IT WOULD BE ONE THING IF YOU WERE A HUMAN FROM THE MIDDLE AGES, MICHY,
WOW~ AMAZING!
AAHHH~ A MAGICAL CRYSTAL BALL~
HAH HAH HA
HUH ?
NOT "A MAGICAL CRYSTAL BALL". CAN'T YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE TO CALL IT...?

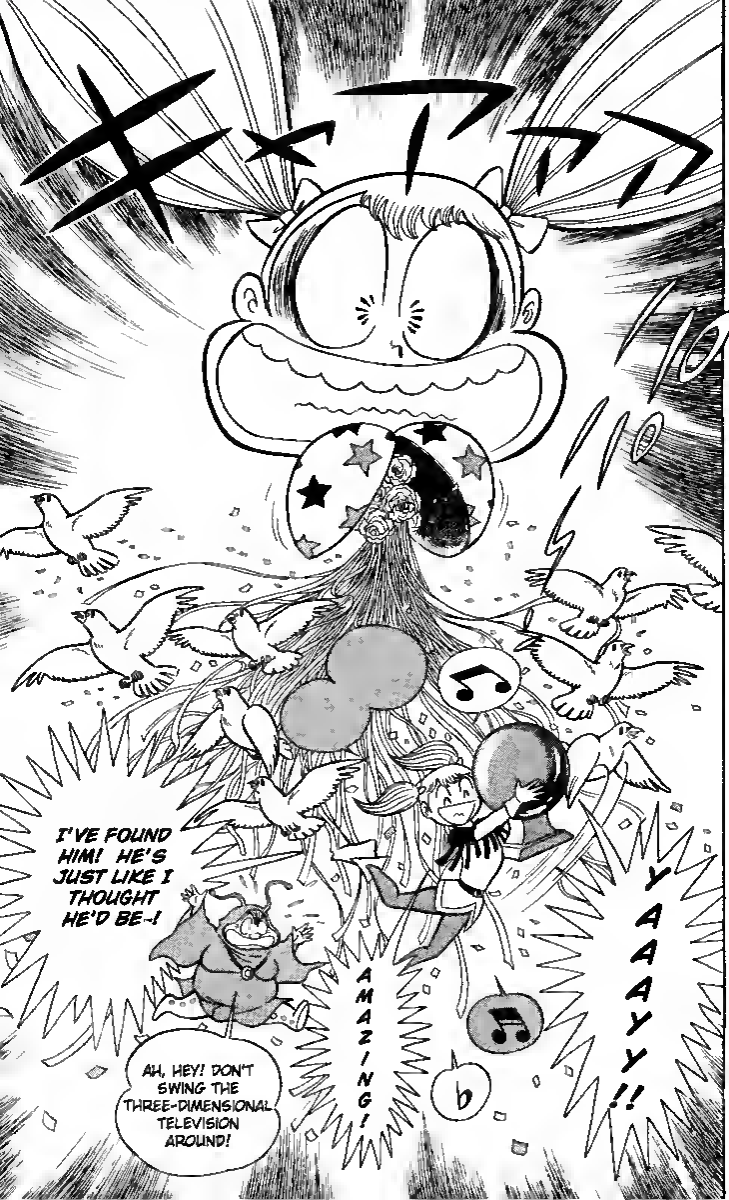
OH, IT'S WORKING!
MY MAGIC IS SCIENCE LOOK!
THESE BUTTONS CHANGE THE DIRECTION AND DISTANCE. IT CAN SEE ANYWHERE.
WOW, AMAZING!
MOREOVER, THIS TELEVISION DOESN'T NEED A CAMERA.
RIGHT! THAT'S EXACTLY IT.
I KNOW, THIS IS A THREE-DIMENSIONAL TV, ISN'T IT...?
WOW, THAT'S GREAT-- WOULDN'T A TV LIKE THIS BE IRRESISTABLE TO PEEPING TOMS?
WHAT A WAY OF TALKING ABOUT IT! WHAT AN AWFUL GIRL!


WHAT DO YOU SEE?
MAKE IT A YOUNG COUPLE'S BEDROOM OR SOMETHING.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, GIRL? HONESTLY.
IT SEEMS JAPANESE GIRLS ARE QUITE PRECOCIOUS. AH HAH HA


WHY DON'T WE TRY TAKING A LOOK AT EMILIO..
OOPS, YOU SAW THROUGH ME.
WHY ARE THEY TRYING TO ASSASSINATE THE PRINCE?
FIRST, I MUST INVESTIGATE THE STATE OF THIS COUNTRY.
HEH HEH HEH HEH, I KNOW.
BUT, YAABA, BEFORE THAT...
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S AWFUL, ISN'T IT? IF PRINCE EMILIO IS KILLED, I WON'T KNOW WHAT I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY FOR.

NOW, LOOK. THIS IS PRINCE EMILIO BALLADE.
WOW!!




I'VE FOUND HIM! HE'S JUST LIKE I THOUGHT HE'D BE-!
AH, HEY! DON'T SWING THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL TELEVISION AROUND!
AMAZING!
YAAAAYY!!

MY IDEAL MAN IS ALIVE!
!!
GYAAHHH
THE WORLD ISN'T COMPLETELY WORTHLESS AFTER ALL!
I'M GLAD! I'M SO GLAD!!
I'M SO GLAD HE'S ALIVE!
MY LIFE FLASHED BEFORE MY EYES! A SHINING PREMONITION CAME TO ME~!!
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GOAAH
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MUYU
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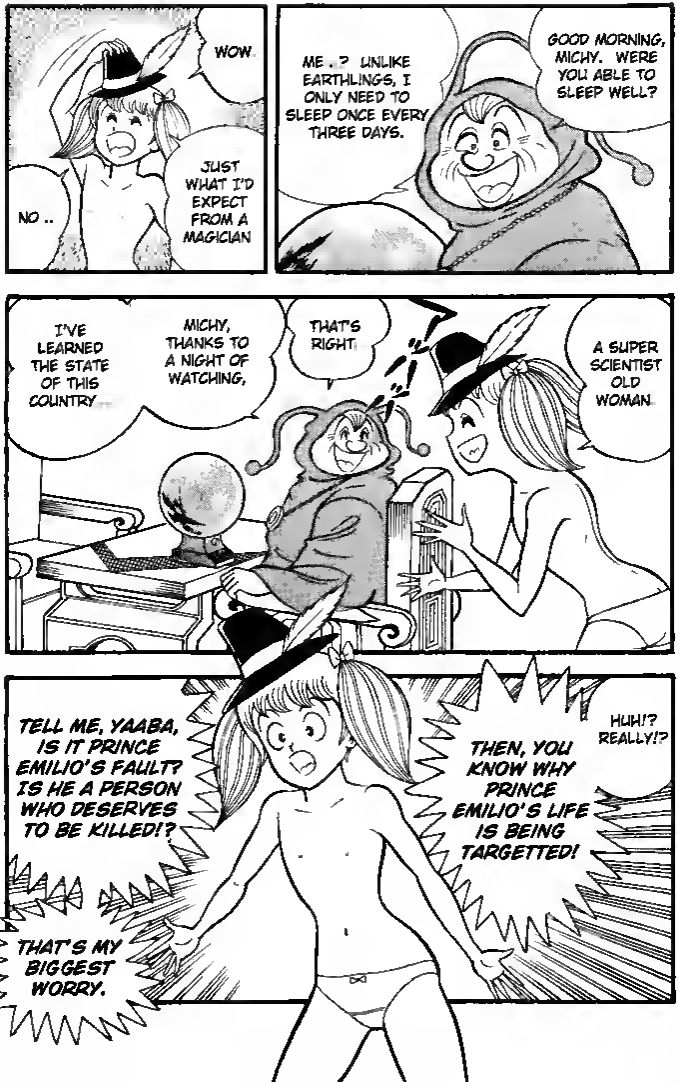
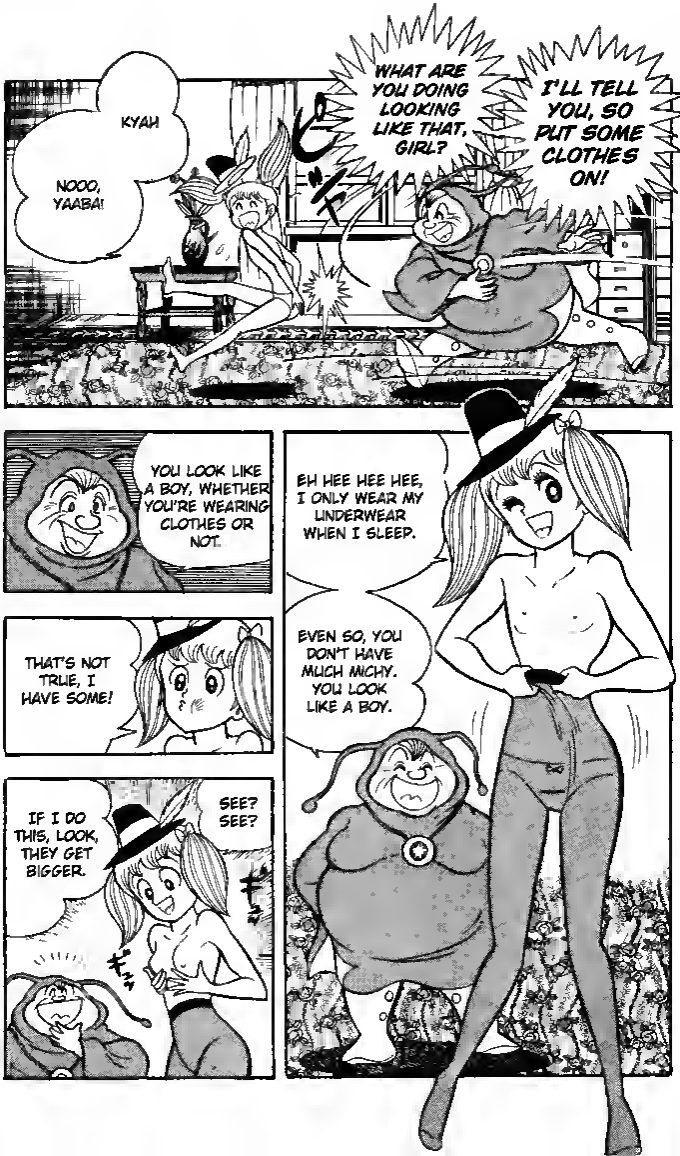
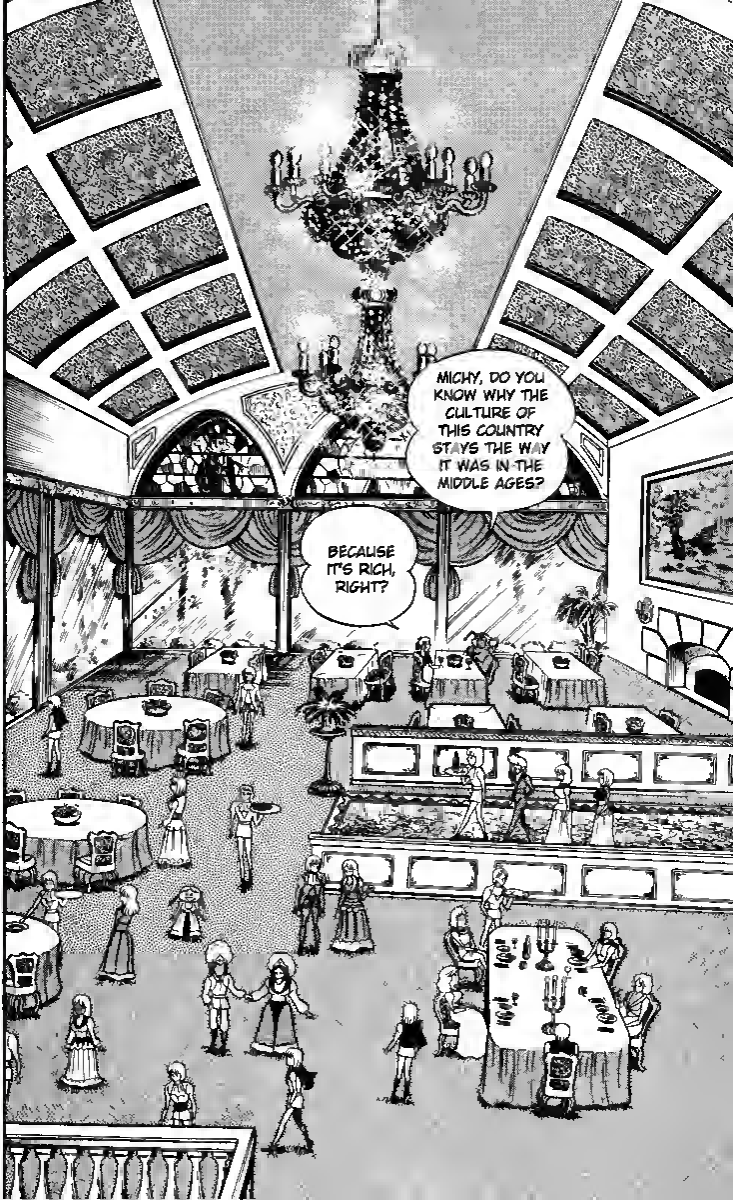
PII

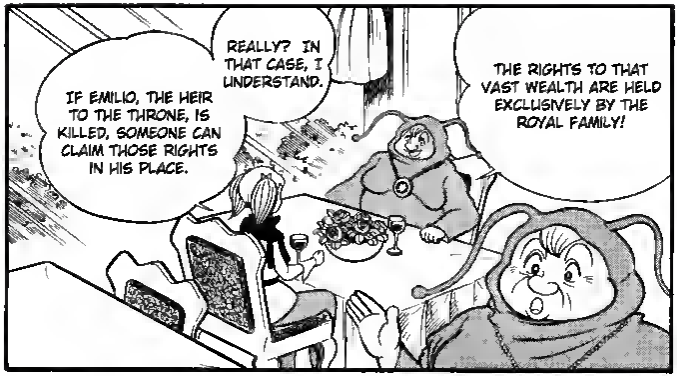
FUAAAHH
OH MY.
DIDN'T YOU SLEEP, YAABA?


WOW
JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM A MAGICIAN
NO ..
ME ..? UNLIKE EARTHLINGS, I ONLY NEED TO SLEEP ONCE EVERY THREE DAYS.
GOOD MORNING, MICHY. WERE YOU ABLE TO SLEEP WELL?
I'VE LEARNED THE STATE OF THIS COUNTRY...
MICHY, THANKS TO A NIGHT OF WATCHING,
THAT'S RIGHT.
A SUPER SCIENTIST OLD WOMAN.
TELL ME, YAABA, IS IT PRINCE EMILIO'S FAULT? IS HE A PERSON WHO DESERVES TO BE KILLED!?
THAT'S MY BIGGEST WORRY.
THEN, YOU KNOW WHY PRINCE EMILIO'S LIFE IS BEING TARGETTED!
HUH!? REALLY!?


KYAH
NOOO, YAABA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING LOOKING LIKE THAT, GIRL?
I'LL TELL YOU, SO PUT SOME CLOTHES ON!
YOU LOOK LIKE A BOY, WHETHER YOU'RE WEARING CLOTHES OR NOT.
EH HEE HEE HEE, I ONLY WEAR MY UNDERWEAR WHEN I SLEEP.
THAT'S NOT TRUE, I HAVE SOME!
EVEN SO, YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH MICHY. YOU LOOK LIKE A BOY.
IF I DO THIS, LOOK, THEY GET BIGGER.
SEE? SEE?

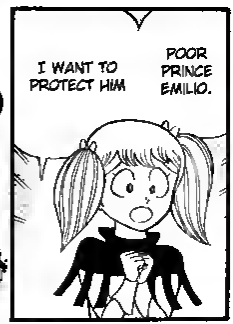

MICHY, DO YOU KNOW WHY THE CULTURE OF THIS COUNTRY STAYS THE WAY IT WAS IN THE MIDDLE AGES?
BECAUSE IT'S RICH, RIGHT?

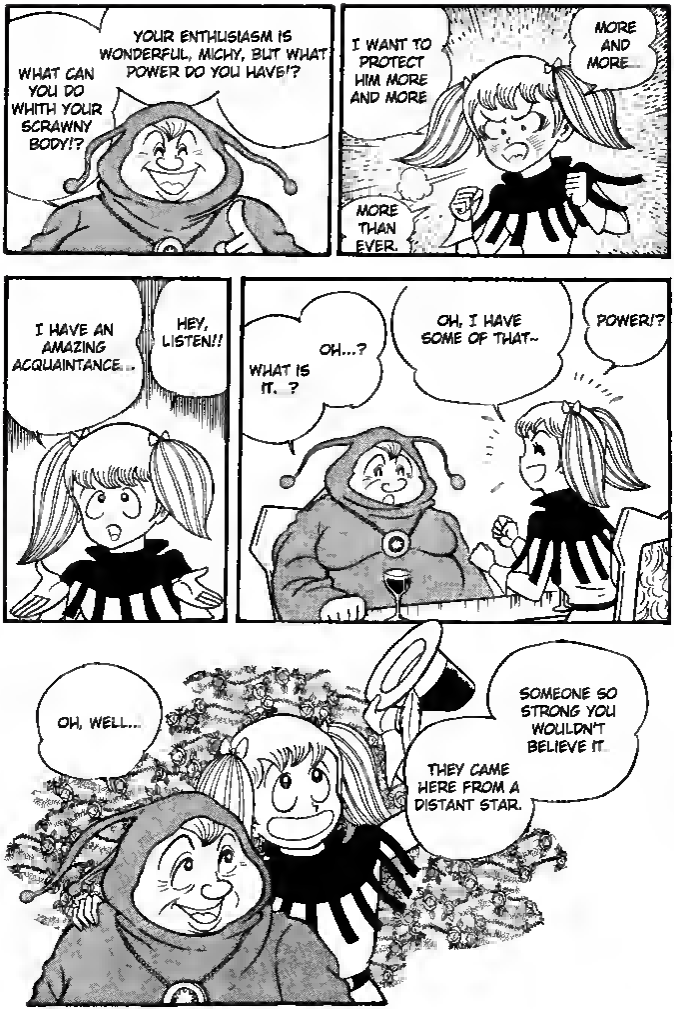
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S NOT JUST DIAMONDS, THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF VALUABLE MINERALS FOUND HERE.
THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS IN THE GUIDE BOOK
THERE HAVE BEEN TONS OF DIAMONDS FOUND HERE FOR A LONG TIME
THERE'S AN INEXHAUSTIBLE TREASURE TROVE PRECIOUS STONES BENEATH THIS TINY COUNTRY.
THANKS TO THAT, THIS LAND FLOURISHES EVEN THOUGH IT LACKS ANY SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRY
THIS COUNTRY REALLY IS BLESSED, HUH.
THAT'S WHY IT'S ABLE TO KEEP GOING WITHOUT CHANGING ITS ANCIENT CULTURE


THE RIGHTS TO THAT VAST WEALTH ARE HELD EXCLUSIVELY BY THE ROYAL FAMILY!
REALLY? IN THAT CASE, I UNDERSTAND.
IF EMILIO, THE HEIR TO THE THRONE, IS KILLED, SOMEONE CAN CLAIM THOSE RIGHTS IN HIS PLACE.

THAT'S RIGHT, AND IT'S NOT JUST ONE OR TWO PEOPLE.
EMILIO IS SURROUNDED BY MANY ENEMIES.

I WONDER IF YOU COULD, MICHY...? AMONG THOSE ENEMIES...
IS THE BRASLAND FEDERATION, WHICH IS TRYING TO ABSORB THIS COUNTRY...

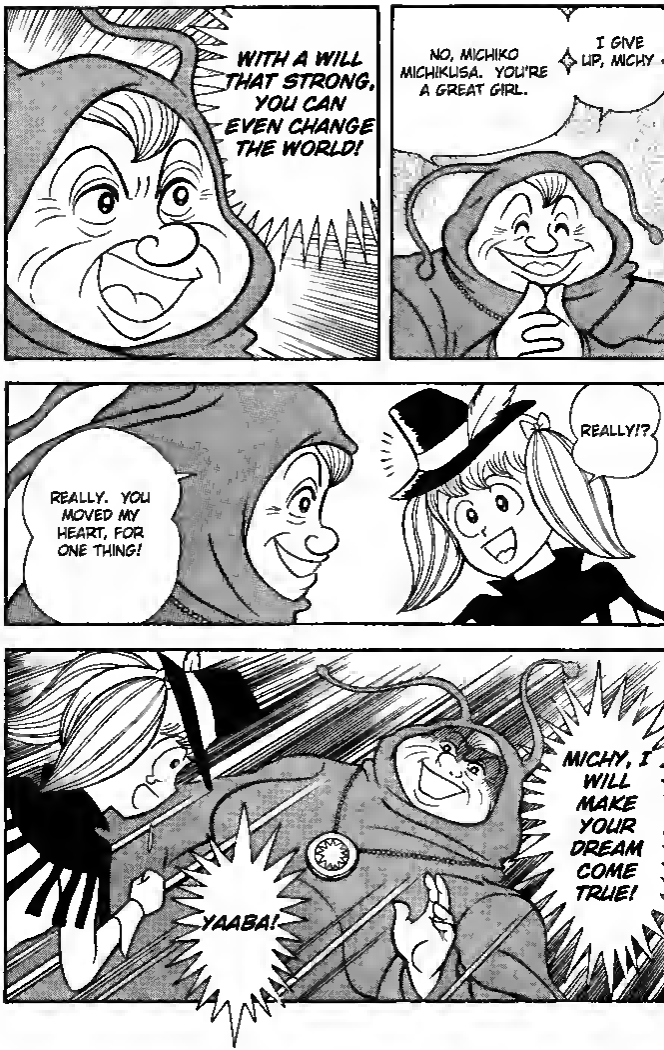

POOR PRINCE EMILIO.
I WANT TO PROTECT HIM

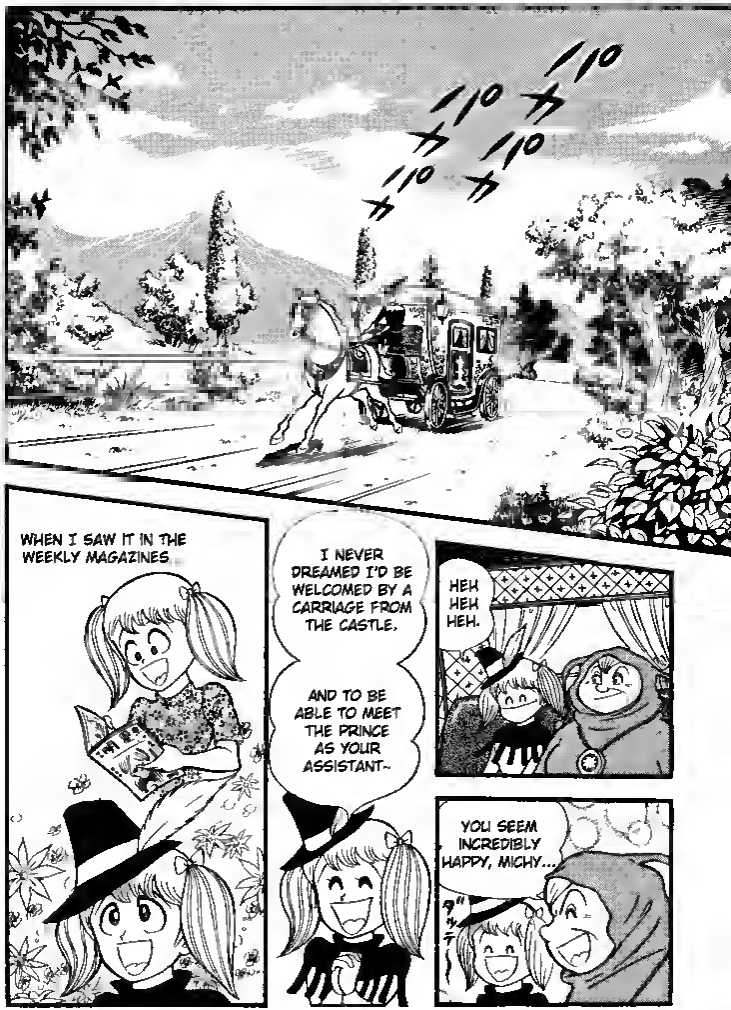

YOUR ENTHUSIASM IS WONDERFUL, MICHY, BUT WHAT POWER DO YOU HAVE!?
WHAT CAN YOU DO WHITH YOUR SCRAWNY BODY!?
I WANT TO PROTECT HIM MORE AND MORE
MORE AND MORE...
MORE THAN EVER.
I HAVE AN AMAZING ACQUAINTANCE...
HEY, LISTEN!!
WHAT IS IT. ?
OH...?
OH, I HAVE SOME OF THAT~
POWER!?
OH, WELL...
THEY CAME HERE FROM A DISTANT STAR.
SOMEONE SO STRONG YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT

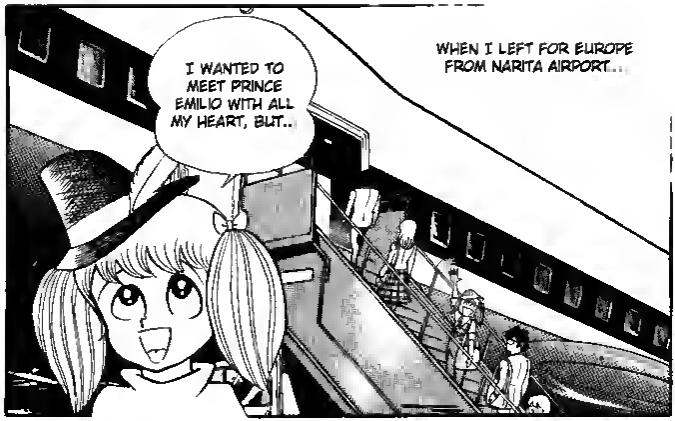
A LITTLE BIT OF FLATTERY.
A VERY KIND, AMAZING OLD LADY.
THEY'RE A MAGICIAN WHO MADE CILLERENDA'S DREAMS COME TRUE.
SO, I'M SURE SHE CAN MAKE MY DREAMS COME TRUE TOO.
MY DREAM... THAT'S... AT FIRST I DEFINITELY WANTED TO BECOME CINDERELLA.
BUT, NOW IT'S DIFFERENT. THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW THAT PRINCE EMILIO IS IN A PINCH!

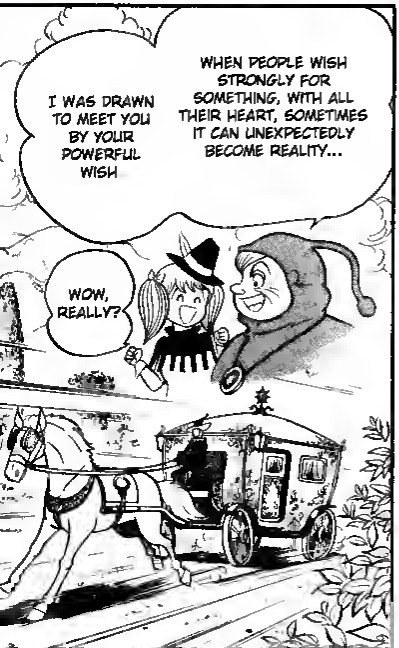
AND I'M SURE THAT PERSON FROM A DISTANT STAR WILL HELP ME!
MY DREAM IS TO BE A KNIGHT!!
A KNIGHT WHO PROTECTS EMILIO BALLADE WHEN HE'S IN DANGER!
IS THAT SO...?
I WONDER IF SHE'LL GIVE YOU POWER LIKE YOU EXPECT...
THAT'S ONLY RELYING ON THAT FRIEND OF YOURS. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE, MICHY...?
BUT, THINK ABOUT IT.

I HAVE THE RESOLVE TO WAGER MY BODY TO SAVE THE UNFORT-UNATE PRINCE!!
MY SPIRIT! MY HEART! MY COURAGE!!
THERE IS!!
HOW ABOUT IT, YAABA!? ARE YOU GOING TO SAY THAT THE CRY OF MY SOUL HAS NO VALUE!?
NO MATTER HOW MUCH SUPER-SCIENCE YOU HAVE, YAABA, YOU CAN'T MAKE A PERSON'S HEART, CAN YOU!?

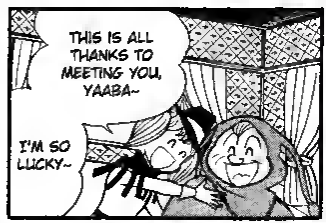

WITH A WILL THAT STRONG, YOU CAN EVEN CHANGE THE WORLD!
NO, MICHIKO MICHIKUSA. YOU'RE A GREAT GIRL.
I GIVE UP, MICHY
REALLY!?
REALLY. YOU MOVED MY HEART, FOR ONE THING!
MICHY, I WILL MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE!
YAABA!


WHEN I SAW IT IN THE WEEKLY MAGAZINES...
I NEVER DREAMED I'D BE WELCOMED BY A CARRIAGE FROM THE CASTLE.
AND TO BE ABLE TO MEET THE PRINCE AS YOUR ASSISTANT~
HEH HEH HEH.
YOU SEEM INCREDIBLY HAPPY, MICHY...


WHEN I LEFT FOR EUROPE FROM NARITA AIRPORT...
I WANTED TO MEET PRINCE EMILIO WITH ALL MY HEART, BUT..

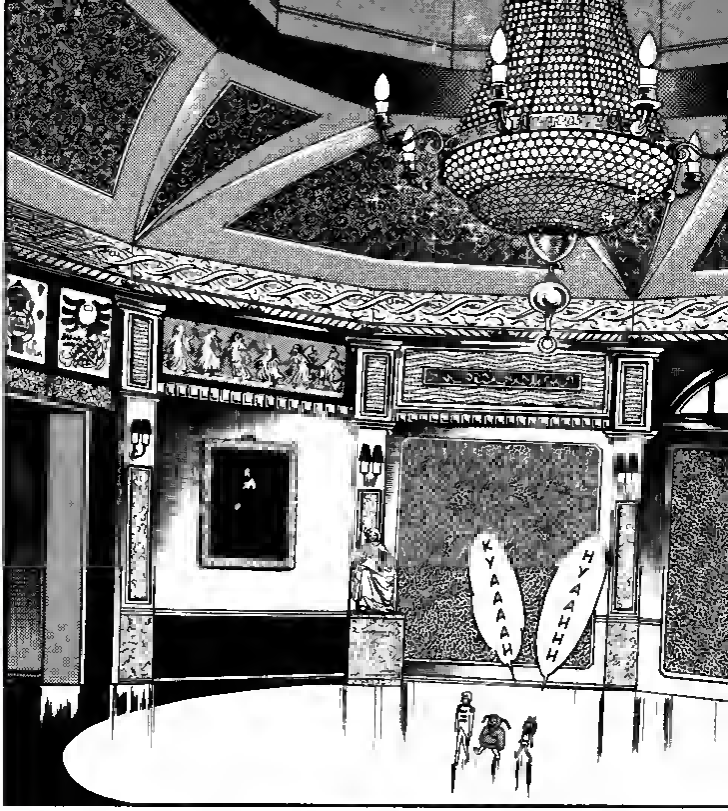

WHEN PEOPLE WISH STRONGLY FOR SOMETHING, WITH ALL THEIR HEART, SOMETIMES IT CAN UNEXPECTEDLY BECOME REALITY...
I WAS DRAWN TO MEET YOU BY YOUR POWERFUL WISH
WOW, REALLY?

I NEVER EVEN DREAMED THAT I'D REALLY BE ABLE TO~


THIS IS ALL THANKS TO MEETING YOU, YAABA~
I'M SO LUCKY~

THERE'S NO LUCK ABOUT IT, MICHY.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO ACT AS WELL, JUST LIKE MICHY IS!
IT'S NOT ENOUGH JUST TO WISH.
HOW-EVER!
ADVANCE TOWARD YOUR DREAMS! THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE!!
WHEN YOU DO, LOOK!
YOU CAN SEE THE CASTLE OF MICHY'S DREAMS!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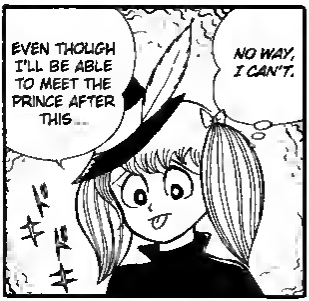
EVEN THOUGH I'LL BE ABLE TO MEET THE PRINCE AFTER THIS...
NO WAY, I CAN'T.
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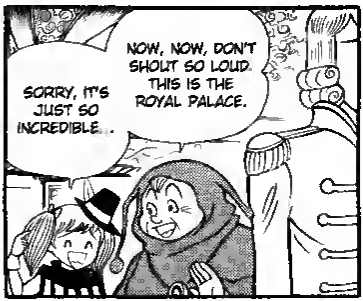
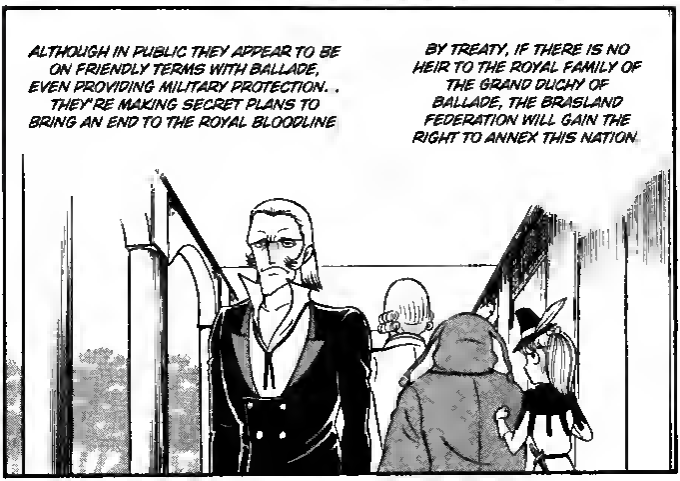

SORRY, IT'S JUST SO INCREDIBLE...
NOW, NOW, DON'T SHOUT SO LOUD. THIS IS THE ROYAL PALACE.

MICHY, CAN YOU HEAR ME? THIS IS TELEPATHY.
OH.
HO HO, YOU'RE NOT BAD AT THIS YOURSELF, MICHY.
I CAN HEAR YOU, YAABA.. AMAZING!
MAKE CERTAIN YOU MEMORIZE HIS FACE!
A MAN WILL PASS BY US IN A MOMENT. HE'S ONE OF THE ONES AIMING FOR EMILIO'S LIFE!

THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE BRASLAND FEDERATION, GEORGE DUNCAN.


ALTHOUGH IN PUBLIC THEY APPEAR TO BE ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH BALLADE, EVEN PROVIDING MILITARY PROTECTION. . THEY'RE MAKING SECRET PLANS TO BRING AN END TO THE ROYAL BLOODLINE
BY TREATY, IF THERE IS NO HEIR TO THE ROYAL FAMILY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BALLADE, THE BRASLAND FEDERATION WILL GAIN THE RIGHT TO ANNEX THIS NATION.

MICHY, LOOK AT THE COURTYARD!
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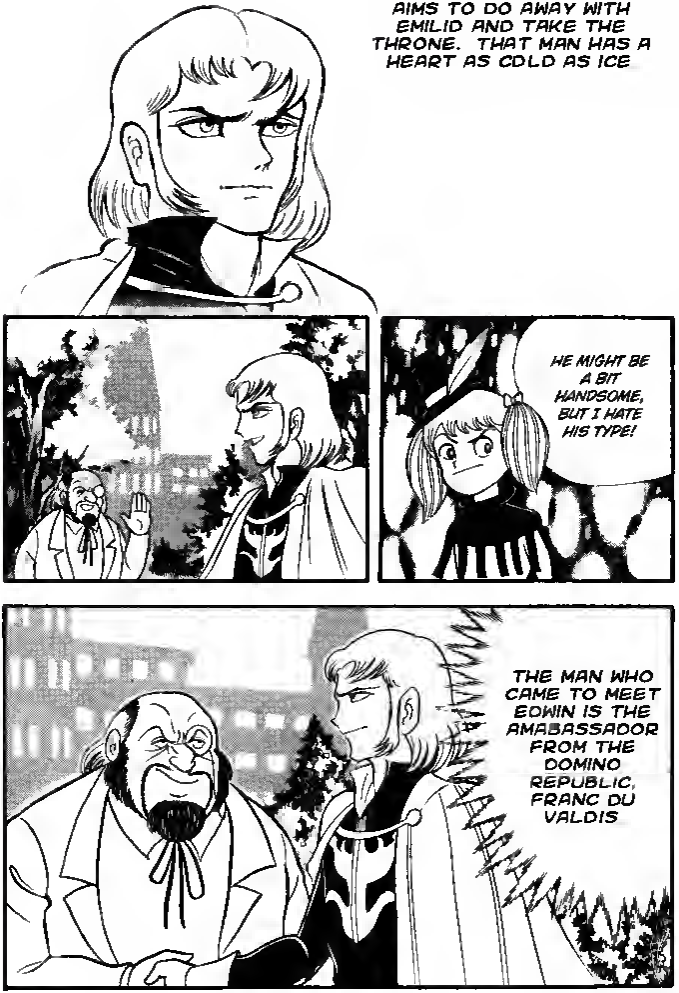
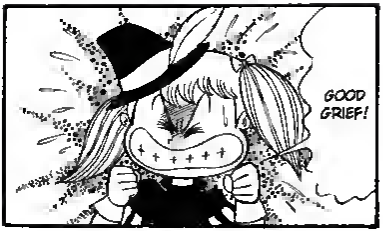
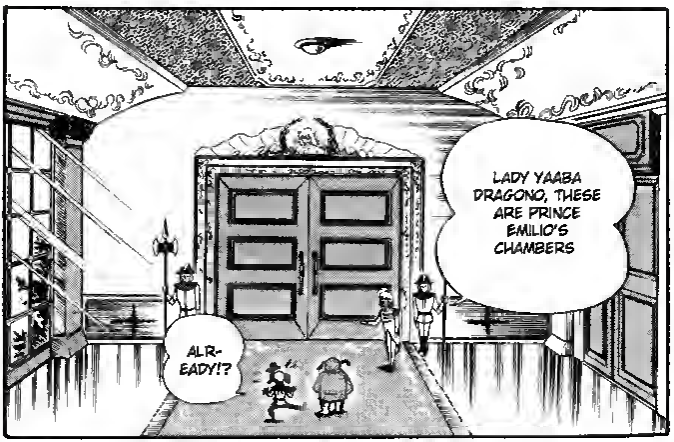
HE'S AFTER EMILIO'S LIFE AS WELL.
HE'S QUITE HANDSOME..
AH...

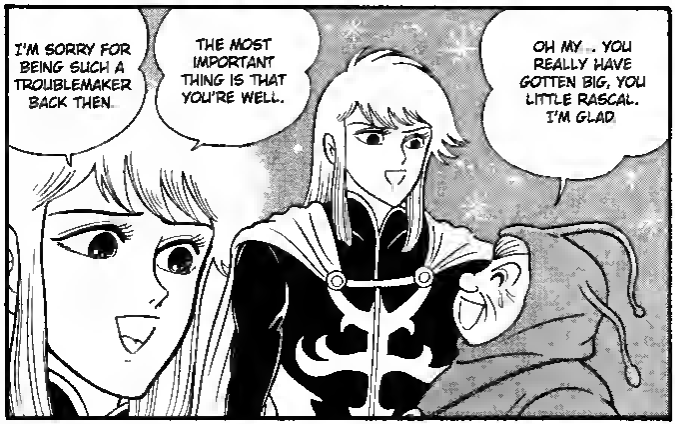

EDWIN GERRARD, EMILIO'S COUSIN HE BACKED BY THE DOMIND REPUBLIC, HE AIMS TO DO AWAY WITH EMILIO AND TAKE THE THRONE. THAT MAN HAS A HEART AS COLD AS ICE
HE MIGHT BE A BIT HANDSOME, BUT I HATE HIS TYPE!
THE MAN WHO CAME TO MEET EDWIN IS THE AMABASSADOR FROM THE DOMINO REPUBLIC, FRANC DU VALDIS



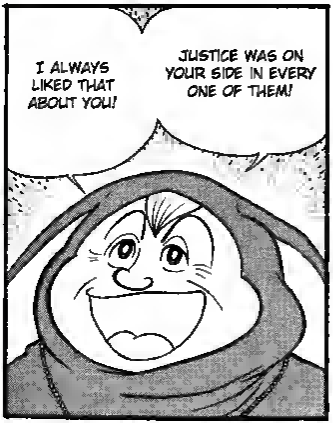
A RIVAL OF THE BRASLAND FEDERATION, THE DOMINO REPUBLIC IS SCHEMING TO PLACE EDWIN GERRARD ON THE ROYAL THRONE

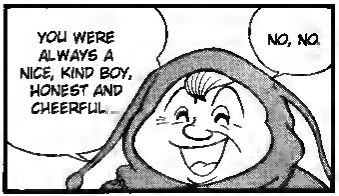


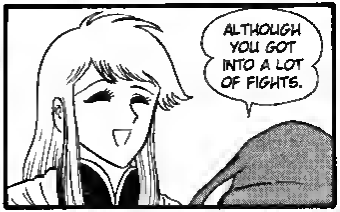
HELLO
EMILIO, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN...?
HAVE YOU BEEN GOOD .?


I'M SORRY FOR BEING SUCH A TROUBLEMAKER BACK THEN.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU'RE WELL.
OH MY .. YOU REALLY HAVE GOTTEN BIG, YOU LITTLE RASCAL. I'M GLAD

IT'S BEEN SO LONG, MS. YAABA. NOT SINCE THE SWISS SCHOOL...
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT, HAVE YOU?
BUT, I'VE GONE AND GROWN THIS BIG.


I ALWAYS LIKED THAT ABOUT YOU!
JUSTICE WAS ON YOUR SIDE IN EVERY ONE OF THEM!


YOU WERE ALWAYS A NICE, KIND BOY, HONEST AND CHEERFUL...
NO, NO.


ALTHOUGH YOU GOT INTO A LOT OF FIGHTS.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
AH...
EMILIO, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU.
THIS GIRL HERE
IS A YOUNG LADY WHO CAME HERE FROM JAPAN ..
MICHIKO MICHIKUSA.
YOU COULD SAY SHE'S BECOME MY ASSISTANT.
PLEASE CALL ME MICHY.
JUST MICHY IS FINE.
MICHI.. WHAT WAS IT...?
THAT'S A RATHER DIFFICULT NAME.

OH..
I'M EMILIO.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MICHY.
AH!
AH!

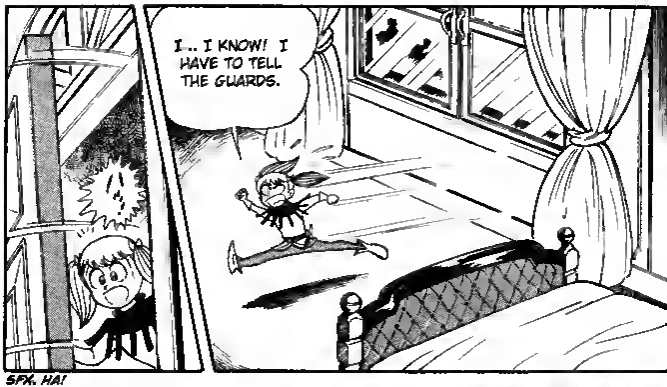
MICHY!
SHE MUST BE EXHAUSTED FROM YOUR JOURNEY.
WHY DON'T WE LET HER SLEEP IN THE NEXT ROOM AND SUMMON MY FAMILY PHYSICIAN?
OH MY.
SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU EMILIO.
THAT MICHY.. WELL, THERE'S NOTHING TO BE DONE.
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE FAINTED FROM THE EMOTIONAL SHOCK.

I-I...
HM!?

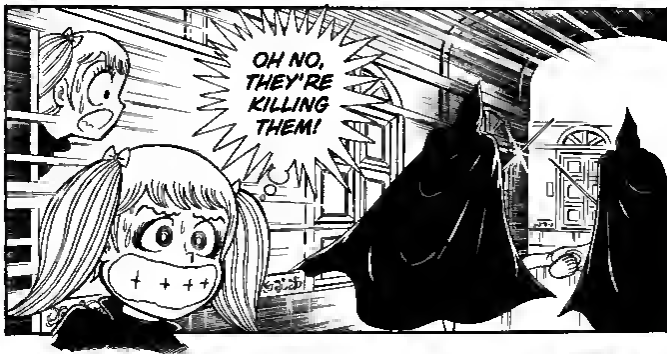
SOME-ONE'S IN THE GARDEN!
HUH?
IT LOOKS LIKE I FAINTED AND FELL FAST ASLEEP...
I GUESS I'M NO GOOD AFTER ALL.
I SEE I COULDN'T DO IT!

OH NO!! A TROOP OF ASS-ASSINS!
THEY'RE AFTER PRINCE EMILIO!

WHA... WHAT SHOULD I DO? THEY'RE GOING TO ASSASSINATE PRINCE EMILIO!!
AND THERE'S A WHOLE CROWD OF THEM!!


I.. I KNOW! I HAVE TO TELL THE GUARDS.

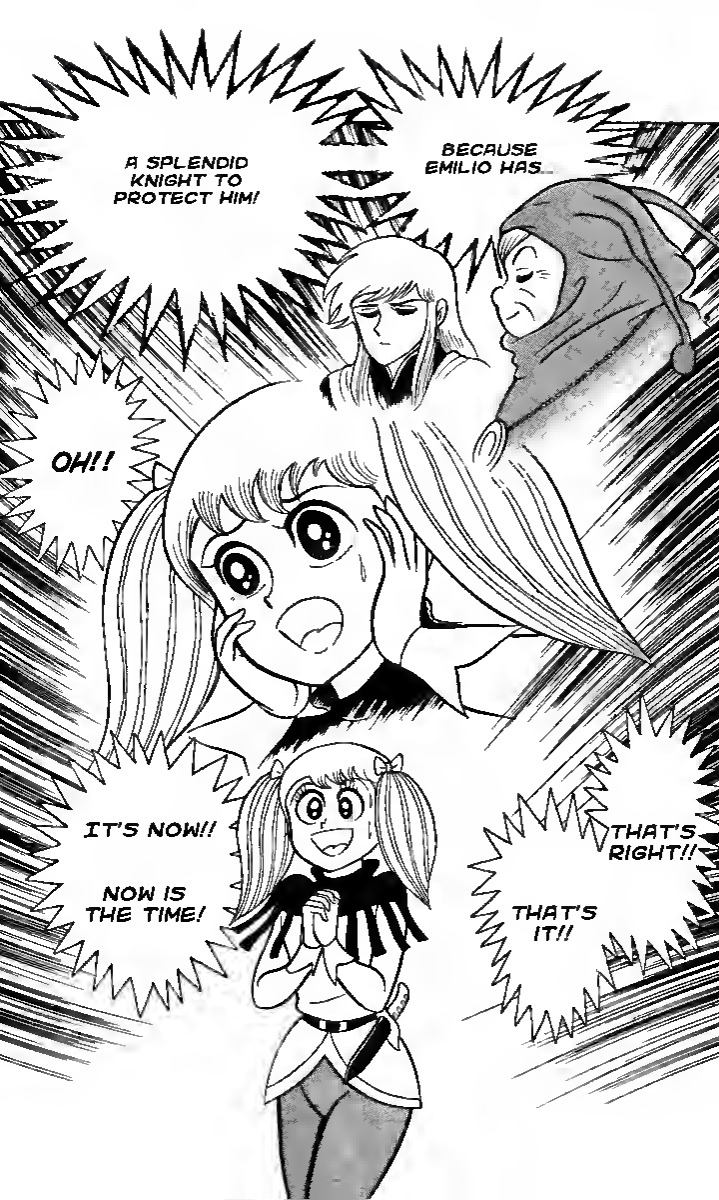
SFX. HA!


OH NO, THEY'RE KILLING THEM!

IT'S NO GOOD, THE PHONE LINE'S BEEN CUT!

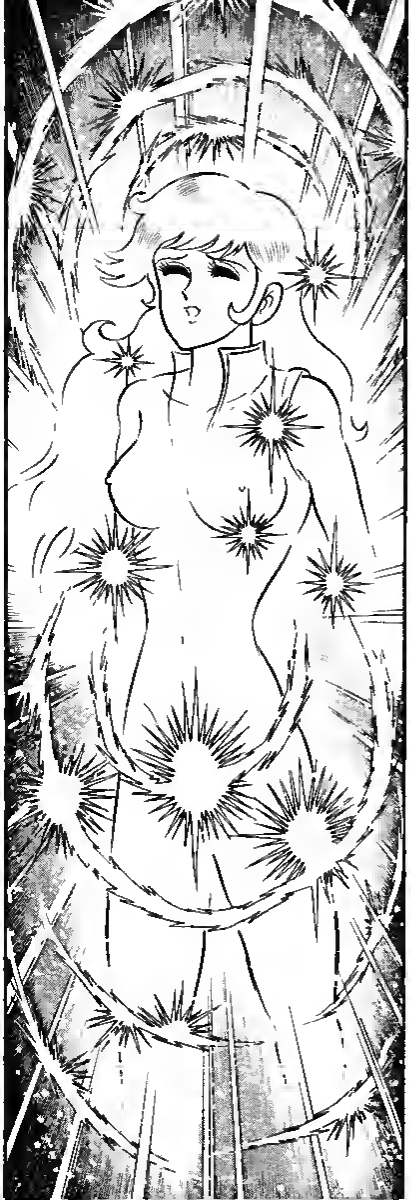
I'LL USE THE PHONE IN THE ROOM.
I... I KNOW!

WE CAN COMMUN-ICATE BY TELEPATHY, YOU KNOW.
MICHY, WHAT ARE YOU OOING SHOCKED SPEECH-LESS?
OH, YAABA!!
IT'S TERRIBLE, A GROUP OF ASSA-SSINS HAVE SURROUND-ED YOUR ROOM!
I ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THAT.
BUT, WE'LL BE SAFE!


A SPLENDID KNIGHT TO PROTECT HIM!
BECAUSE EMILIO HAS...
OH!!
IT'S NOW!!
NOW IS THE TIME!
THAT'S RIGHT!!
THAT'S IT!!

THIS LOCKET WILL CHANGE MY FATE!
I MY-SELF...
IT WILL AMPLIFY MY SPIRIT ENERGY AND DRAW OUT MY MAXIMUM ABILITIES.
NO! IT WILL CHANGE ME!

WITH THE SUPER-SCIENCE OF YAABA, THE SPACE ALIEN!
WILL CHANGE INTO THE IDEAL FORM I DESIRE.
HEE HEE HEE, CINDERELLA USED THIS TO GAIN HER IDEAL FORM!
AND I...!?



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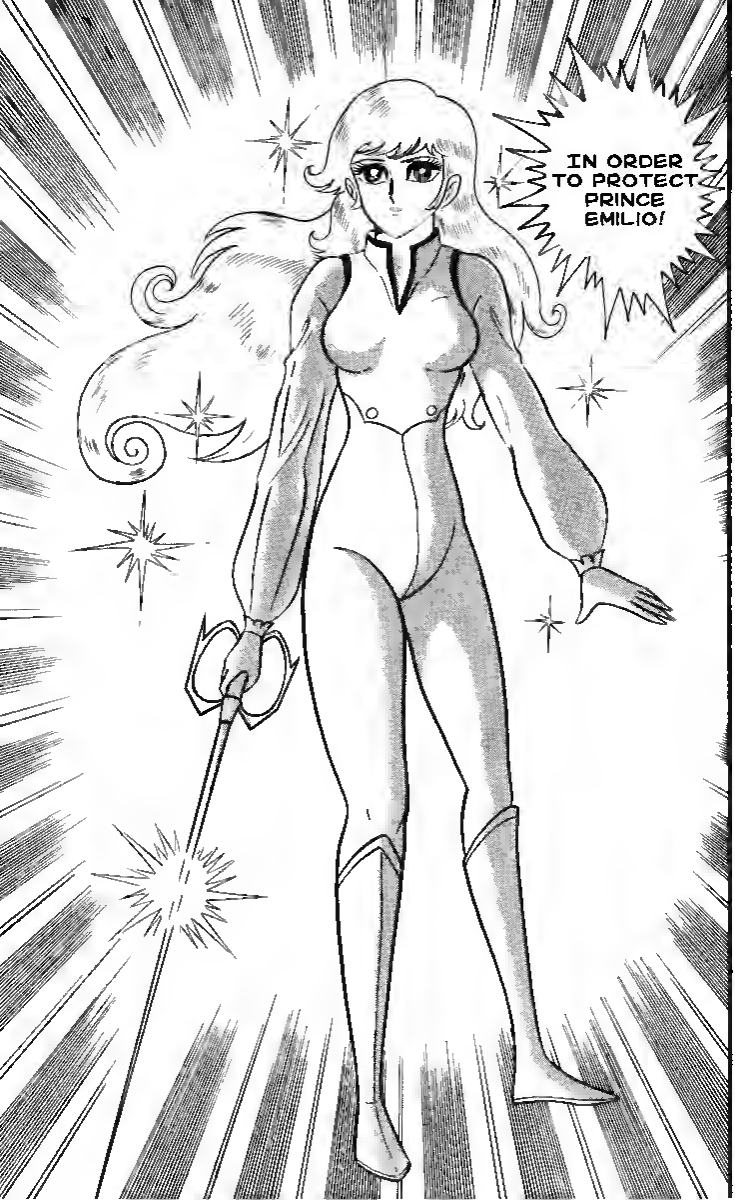
POWER!


IN ORDER TO PROTECT PRINCE EMILIO!

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AH!?

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ALRIGHT, EMILIO.
MS. YAABA, PLEASE DON'T MOVE FROM BEHIND ME!

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EEE!
AH
HEH HEH HEH, YOU'RE QUITE STRONG, FOR A PRINCE
BUT!

CAN YOU WITH-STAND MY BLADE!?
UWAAAHH

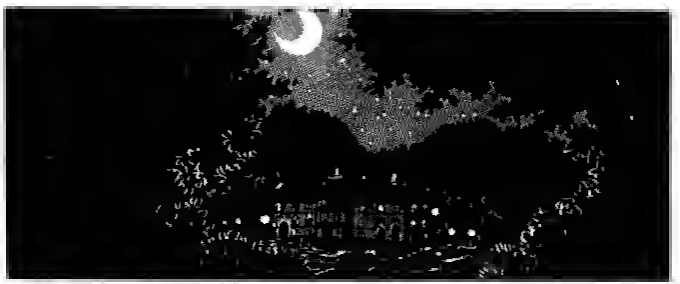
!?

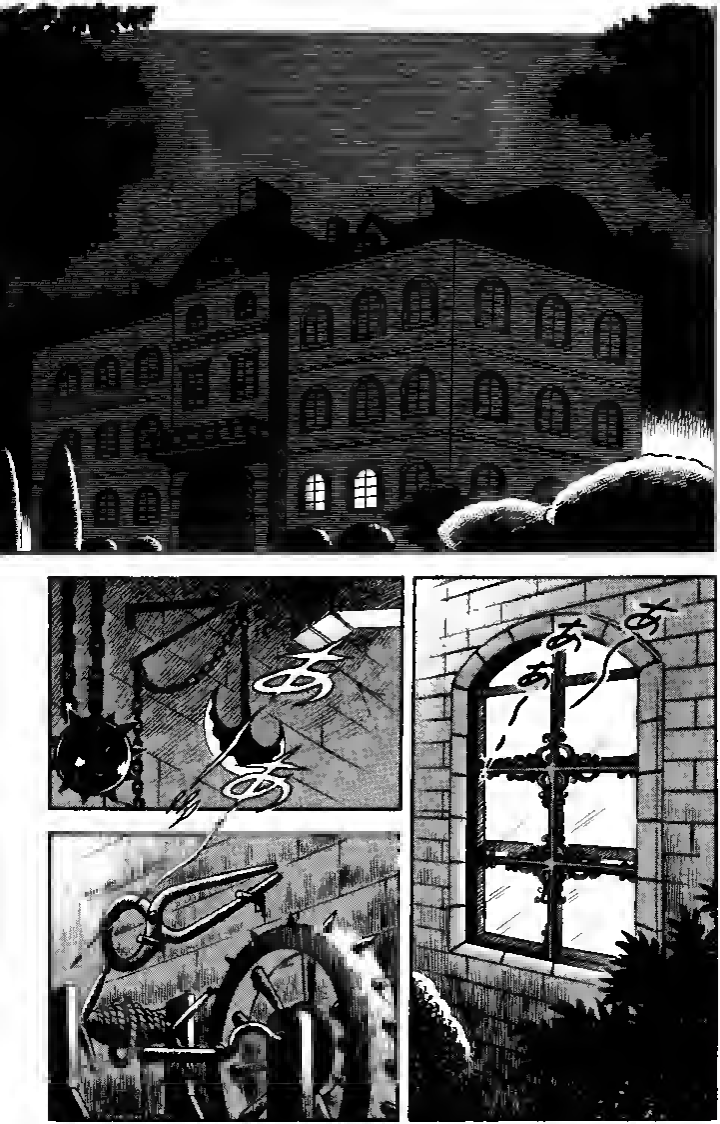
WH-WHO GOES THERE!?
UH!
WH...
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?

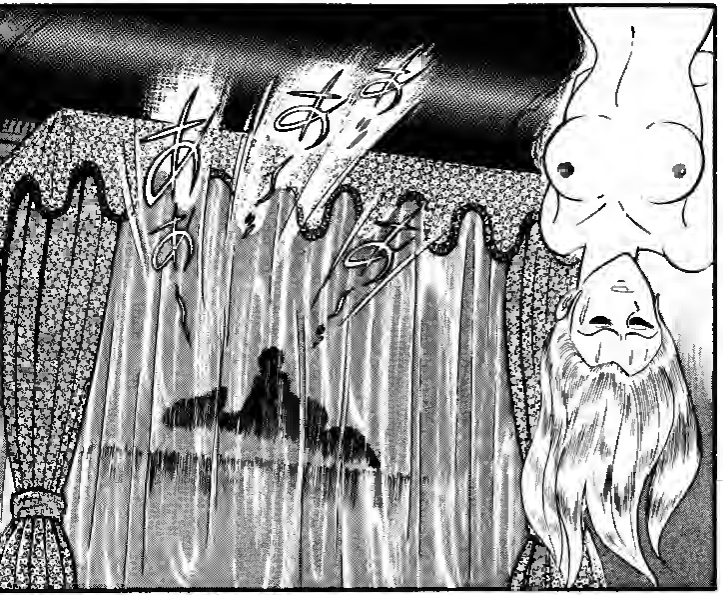
ASSASSINS WHO SEEK THE PRINCE'S LIFE! KNOW THAT YOUR SCHEMES WILL NOT SUCCEED!
BEC-AUSE
PRINCE EMILIO HAS A KNIGHT WHO WILL RISK THEIR LIFE TO KEEP HIM SAFE FROM HARM!
!?
THAT KNIGHT IS...
OH.. SO, THAT GIRL PULLED IT OFF

THIS ILLUSORY KNIGHT!
CINDE-RELLA KNIGHT!!

THIS VERY MOMENT, WHEN SHE TOOK THE NAME OF CINDERELLA KNIGHT, WAS THE BEGINNING OF MICHIKO MICHIKUSA'S MAGNIFICENT DAYS OF LOVE AND ADVENTURE!!







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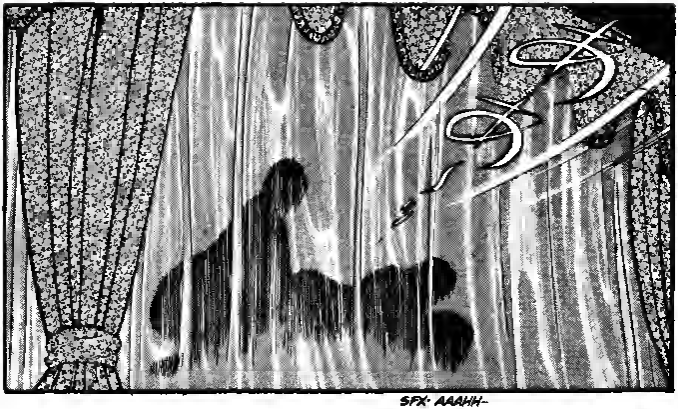

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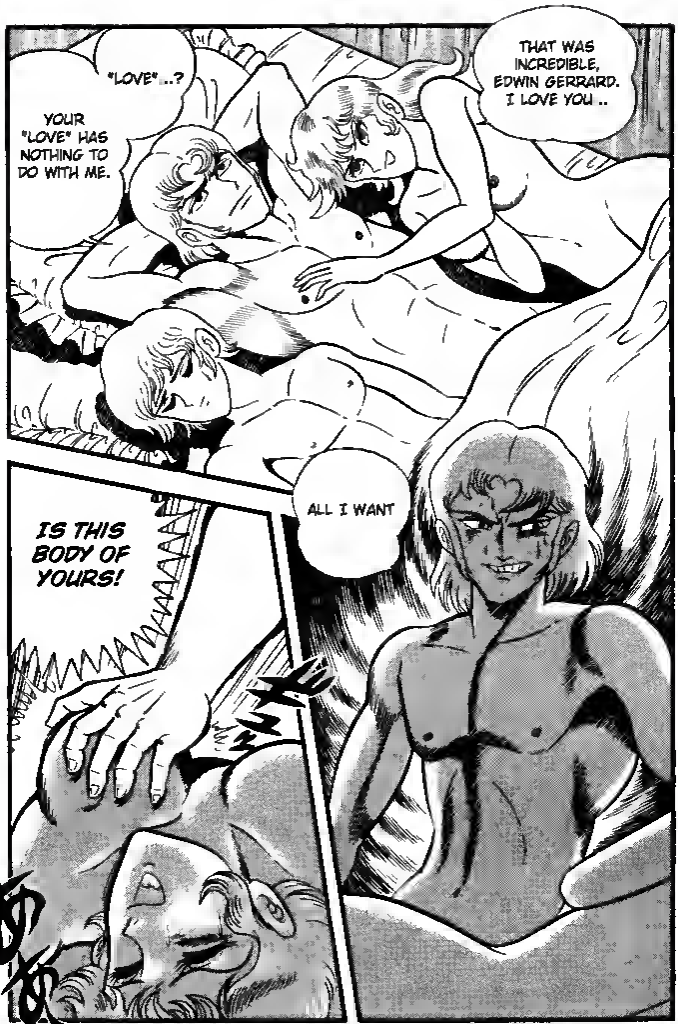
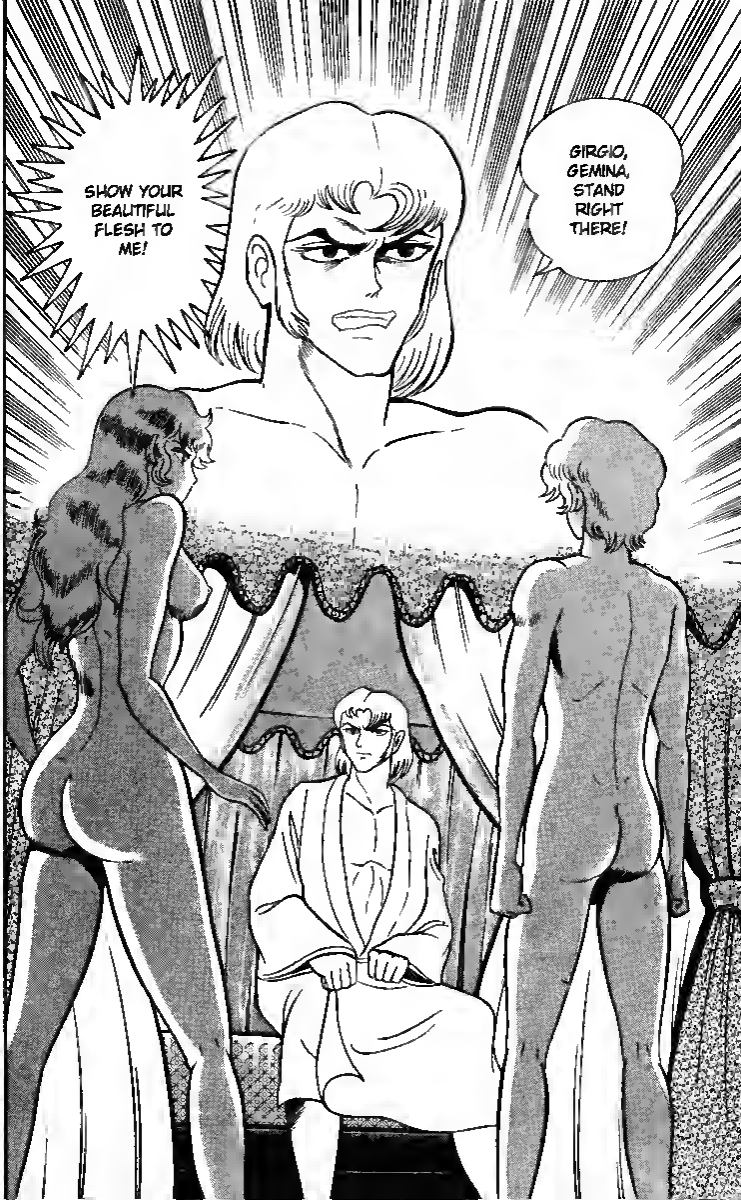

THAT WAS INCREDIBLE, EDWIN GERRARD. I LOVE YOU ..
"LOVE" ..?
YOUR "LOVE" HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
ALL I WANT
IS THIS BODY OF YOURS!
SFX: AAA-H


SHOW YOUR BEAUTIFUL FLESH TO ME!
GIRGIO, GEMINA, STAND RIGHT THERE!

HMMM... BEAUTIFUL!
SO BEAUTIFUL!
HEHEHEHE... YOU TWO SIBLINGS...
COULD PROBABLY EVEN SEDUCE PRINCE EMILIO!
HUH? WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

TO THIS POINT, I'VE HAD YOU ONLY EXPERIENCE PLEASURE!
I WILL NOT PERMIT YOU TO REFUSE!
EVEN THOUGH I TRULY LOVED YOU!
OH... DO YOU MEAN TO USE US AS YOUR TOOLS?
BUT IF BY SOME CHANCE YOU SHOULD FAIL...

GYAAAAAAAAH!
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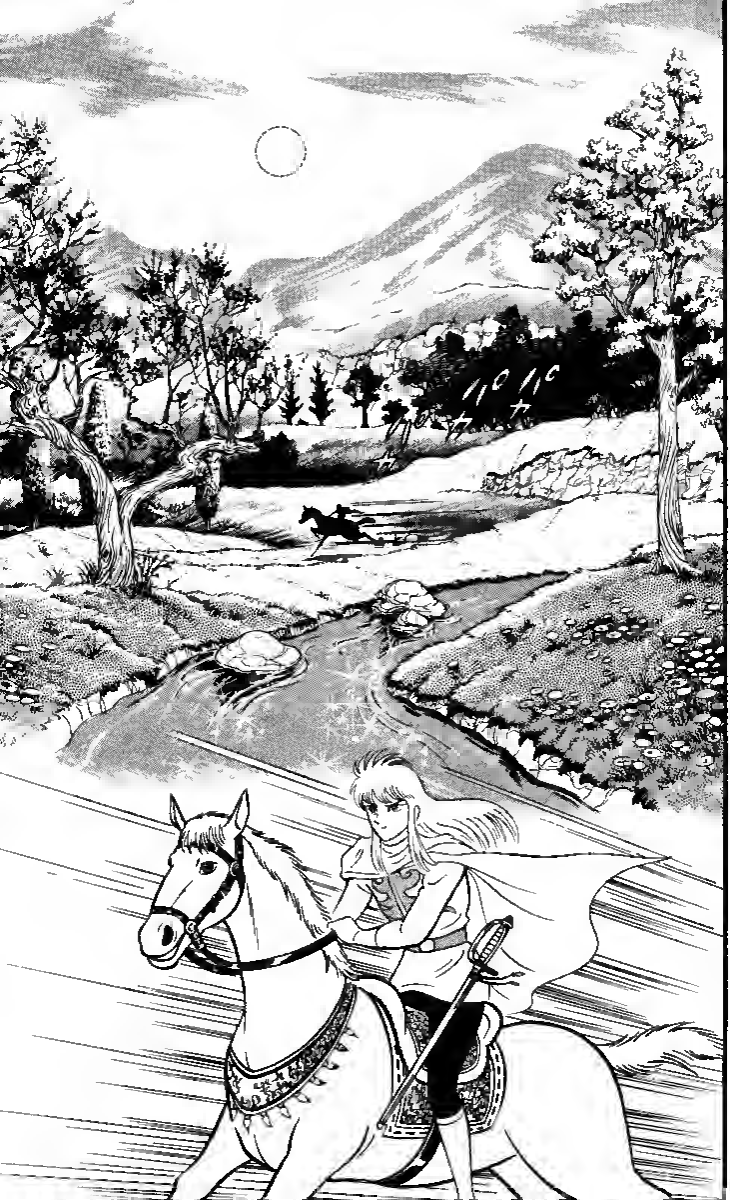
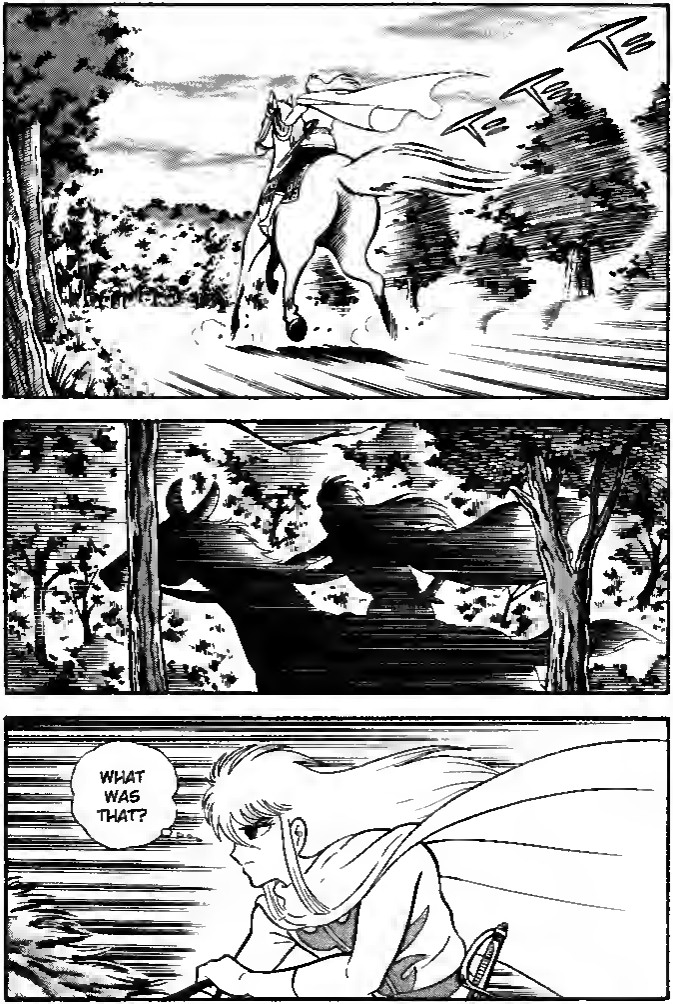
YOU SHALL SEDUCE EMILIO!
HEHEHEHE... I THINK YOU TWO NOW UNDERSTAND.

WHICH MEANS HE SHALL BE AN EASY KILL!
IF YOU SUCCEED IN SEDUCING HIM, YOU CAN MAKE AN OPENING IN HIS DEFENSES...
EVEN WITH STRICTLY GUARDED EMILIO.
WAH HAH HAH HAH HAH HAH !!!!



HAHA HAH!
PRINCE EMILIO!
YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST! PLEASE WAIT!
I'M GOING ON AHEAD!
IT'S JUST THAT YOU'RE TOO SLOW!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! PLEASE WAIT FOR US!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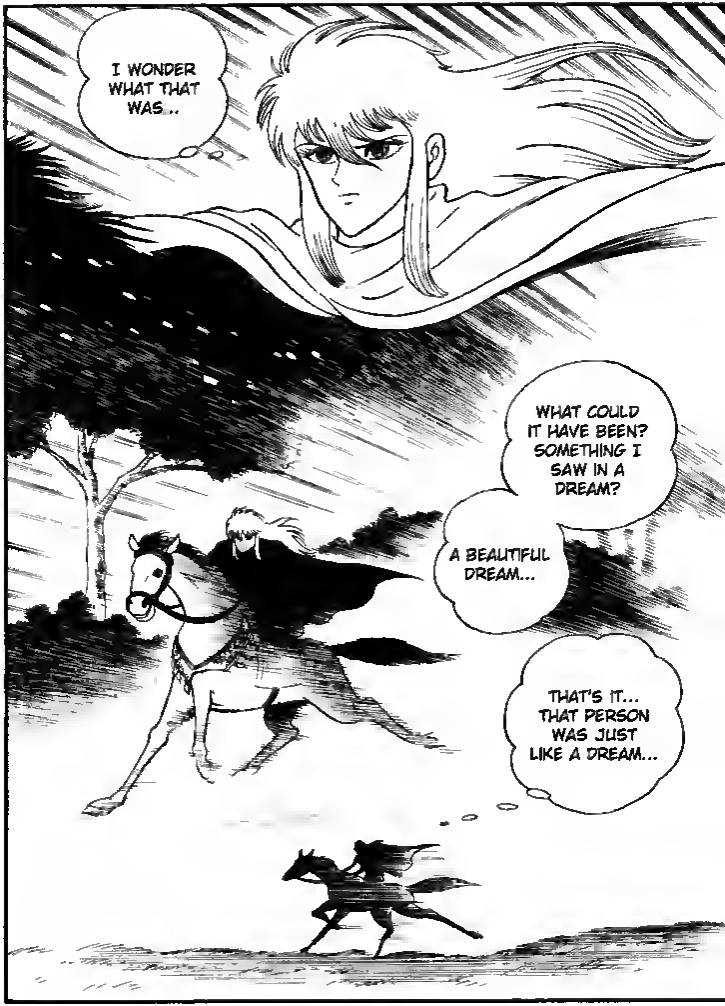
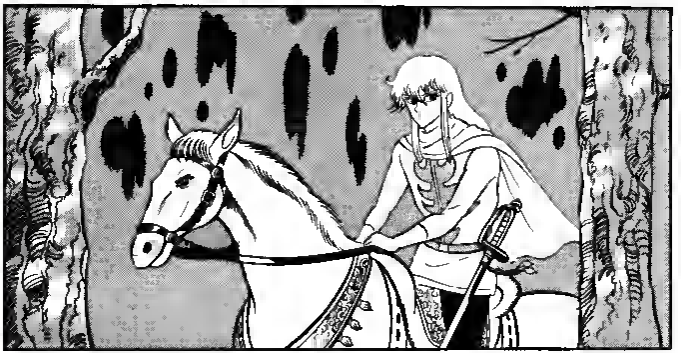
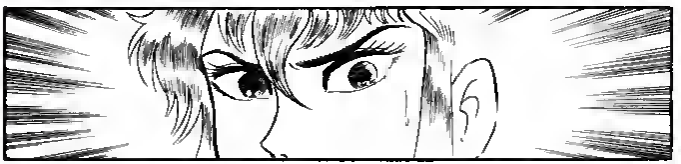
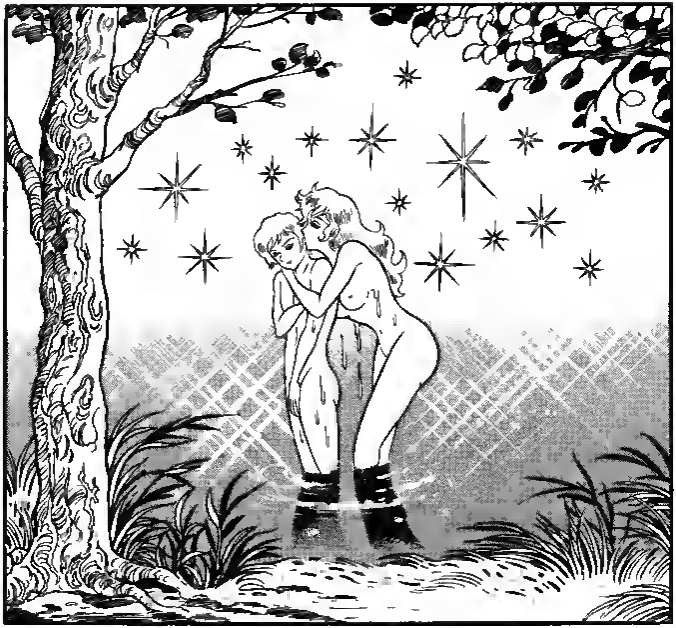
WHAT WAS THAT?

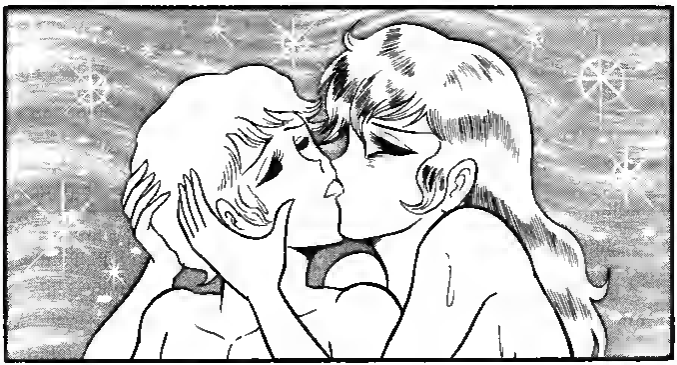

I WONDER WHAT THAT WAS...
WHAT COULD IT HAVE BEEN? SOMETHING I SAW IN A DREAM?
A BEAUTIFUL DREAM...
THAT'S IT... THAT PERSON WAS JUST LIKE A DREAM...

WHO WAS THAT PERSON CALLING THEM-SELVES CINDER-ELLA KNIGHT!?
THAT PERSON SO BEAUTIFUL THEY SHONE!?
I DON'T KNOW ANYONE AS BEAUTIFUL AS THAT.
AND THAT SPLENDID SWORDSMANSHIP! SUCH STRENGTH COULD BE CALLED SUPERHUMAN...
IT WAS A DREAM!
A DREAM...









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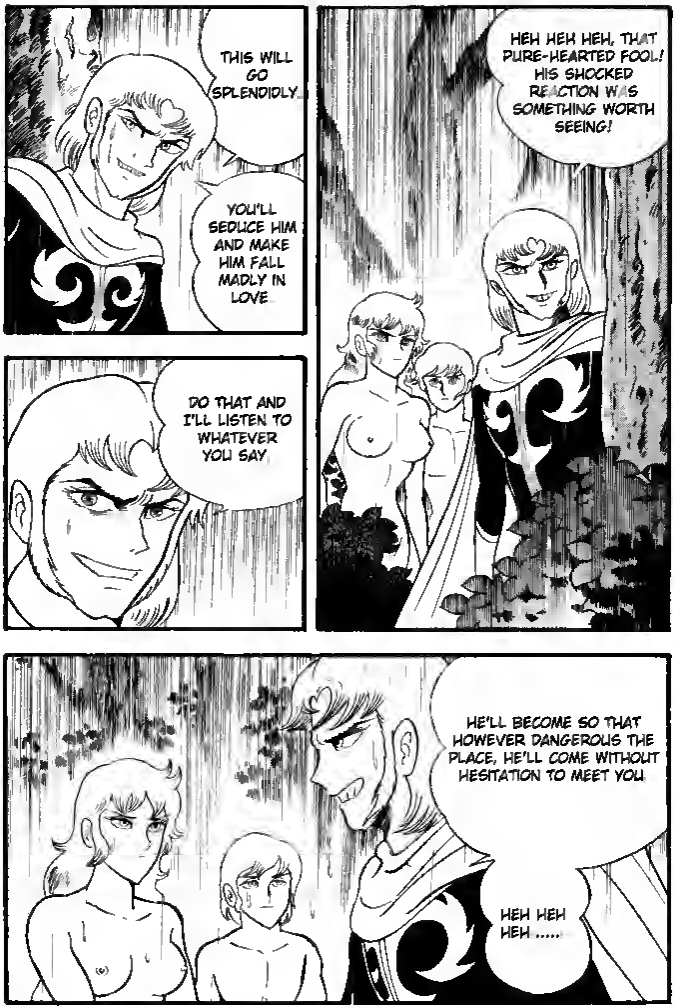
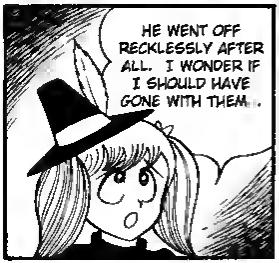
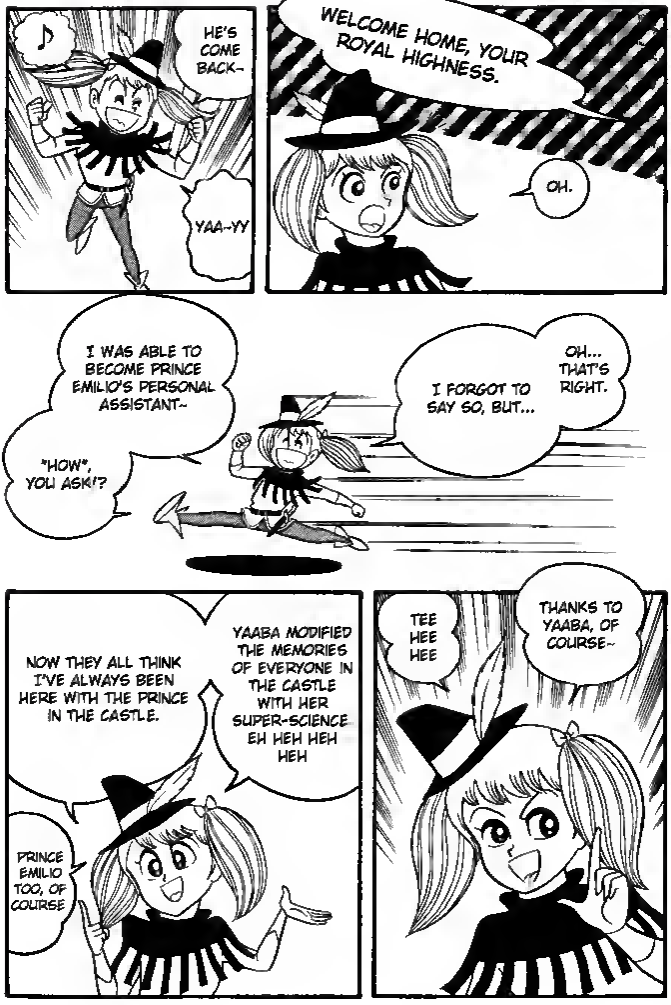

THIS WILL GO SPLENDIDLY
YOU'LL SEDUCE HIM AND MAKE HIM FALL MADLY IN LOVE
DO THAT AND I'LL LISTEN TO WHATEVER YOU SAY
HEH HEH HEH, THAT PURE-HEARTED FOOL! HIS SHOCKED REACTION WAS SOMETHING WORTH SEEING!
HE'LL BECOME SO THAT HOWEVER DANGEROUS THE PLACE, HE'LL COME WITHOUT HESITATION TO MEET YOU
HEH HEH HEH .....

PRINCE EMILIO IS LATE...
I HOPE THERE HASN'T BEEN AN ACCIDENT~


HE WENT OFF RECKLESSLY AFTER ALL. I WONDER IF I SHOULD HAVE GONE WITH THEM...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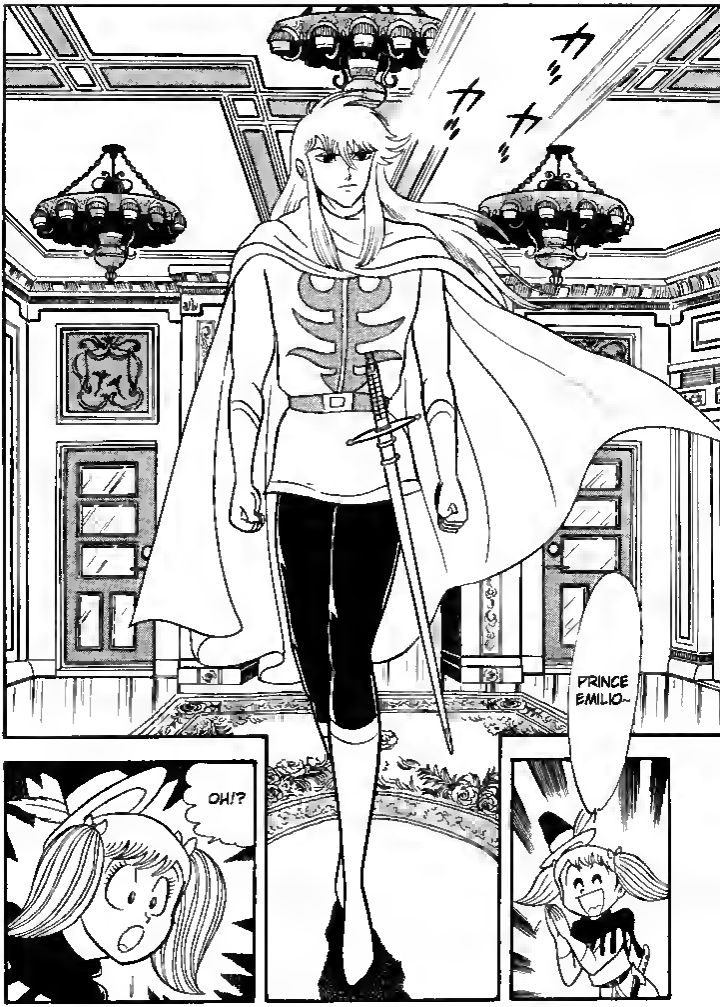
HE'S COME BACK~
YAA~YY
WELCOME HOME, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS.
OH.
I WAS ABLE TO BECOME PRINCE EMILIO'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT~
"HOW", YOU ASK!?
I FORGOT TO SAY SO, BUT...
OH... THAT'S RIGHT.
NOW THEY ALL THINK I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HERE WITH THE PRINCE IN THE CASTLE.
YAABA MODIFIED THE MEMORIES OF EVERYONE IN THE CASTLE WITH HER SUPER-SCIENCE EH HEH HEH HEH
PRINCE EMILIO TOO, OF COURSE
TEE HEE HEE
THANKS TO YAABA, OF COURSE~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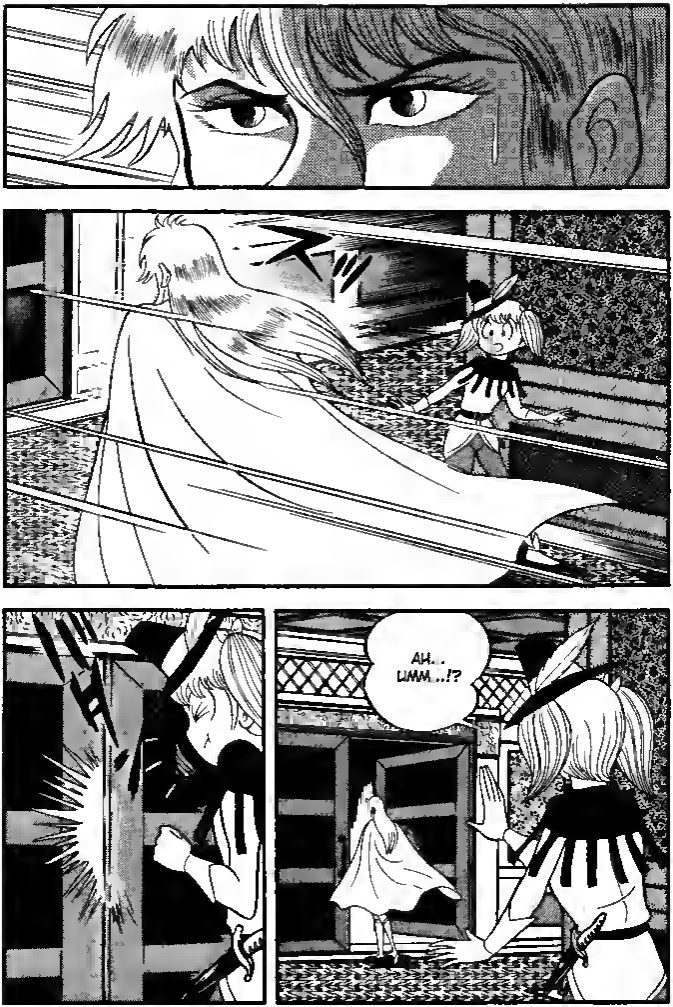
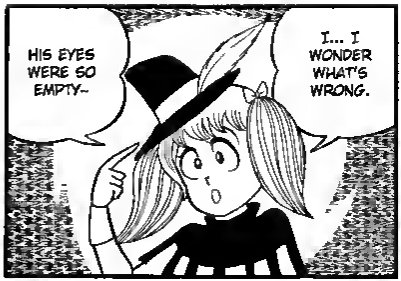
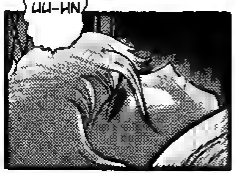
PRINCE EMILIO~
OH!?


AH.. UMM...!?

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?


HIS EYES WERE SO EMPTY~
I... I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG.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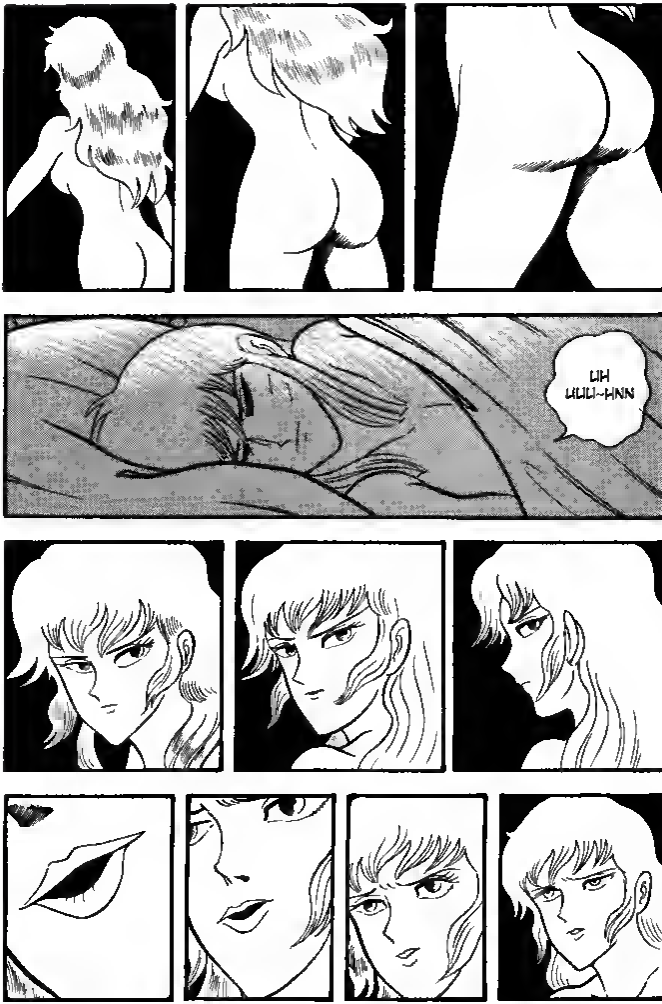
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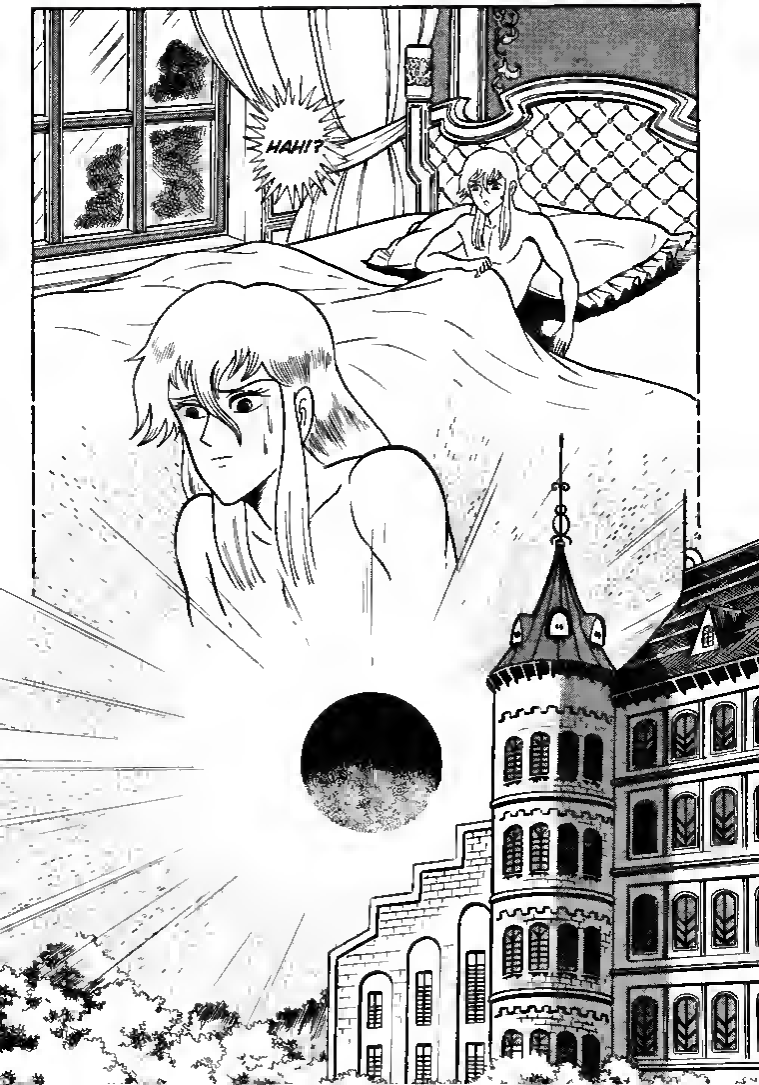
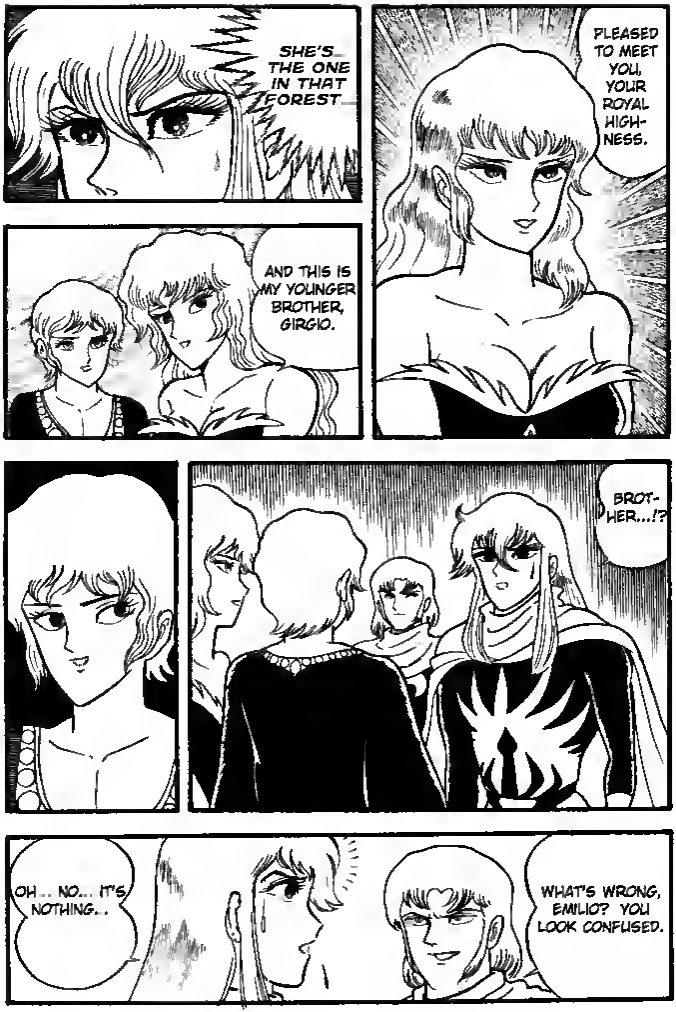
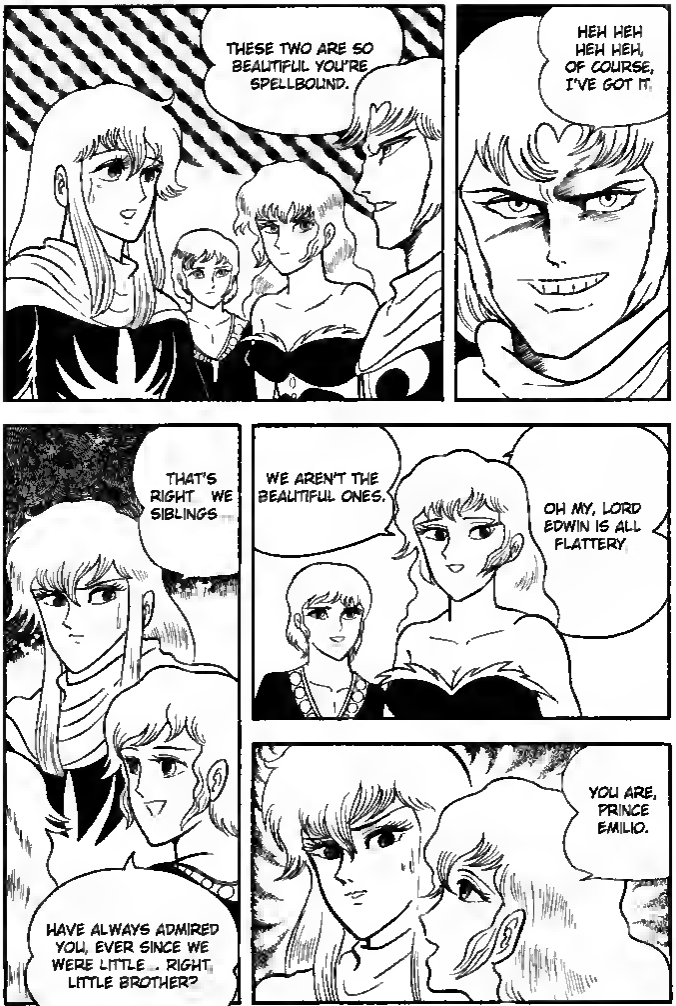

HAH!?

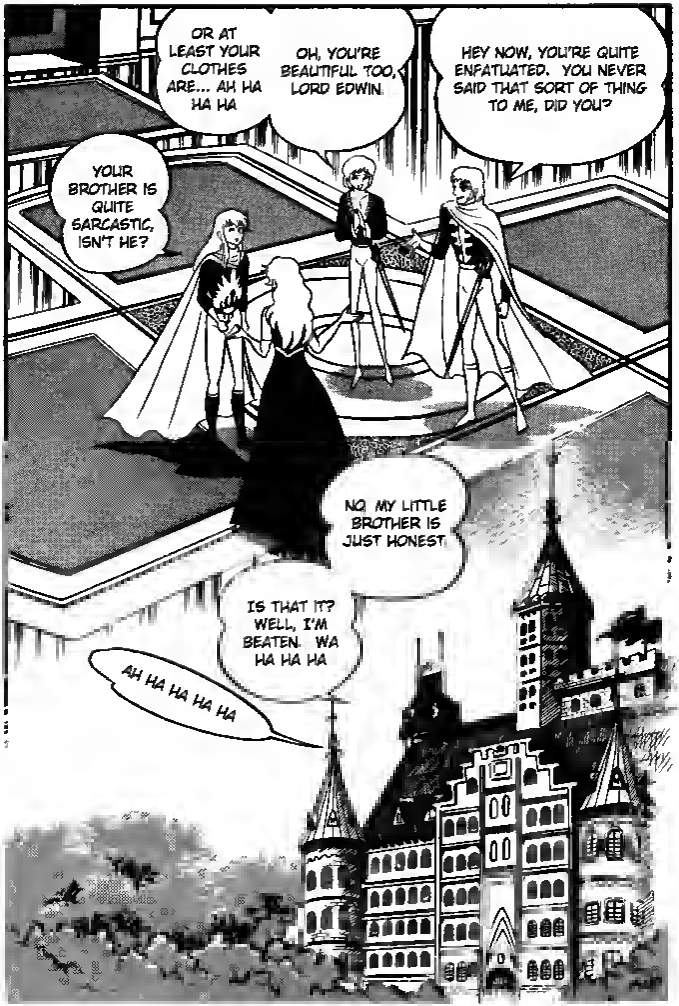
ACTUALLY, THERE'S SOMEONE I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET.
YO~, EMILIO, AREN'T YOU LOOKING WELL. HAH HAH HA
EDWIN, DO YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH ME?

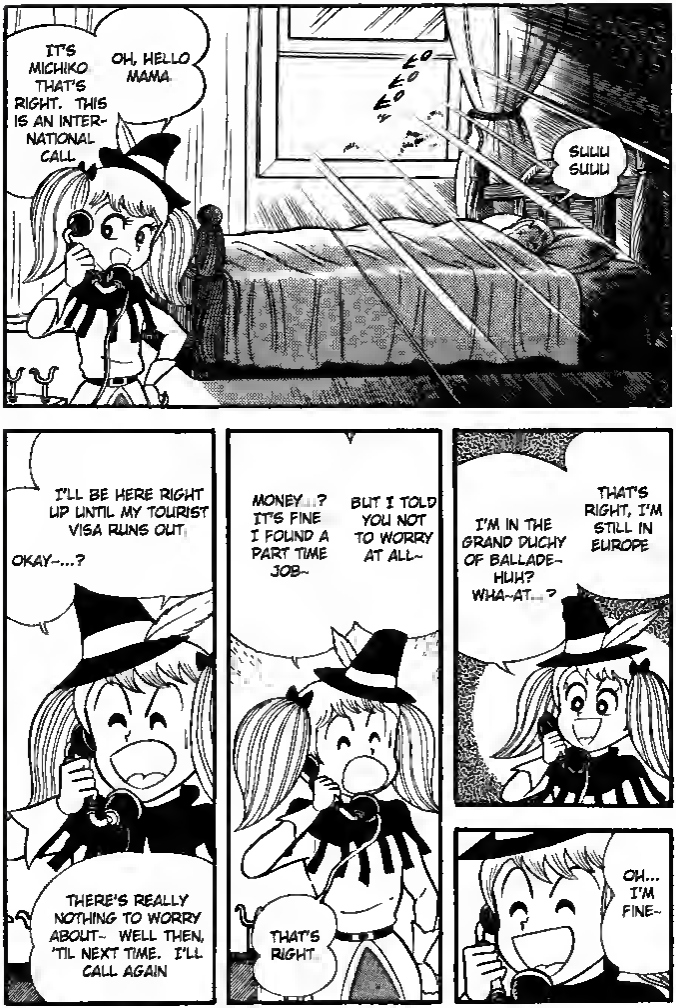
LADY GEMINA GRACCIO, THE DAUGHTER OF A COUNT.

A FRIEND OF MINE, YOU KNOW?
SHE PRACTICALLY BEGGED ME TO LET HER MEET YOU.

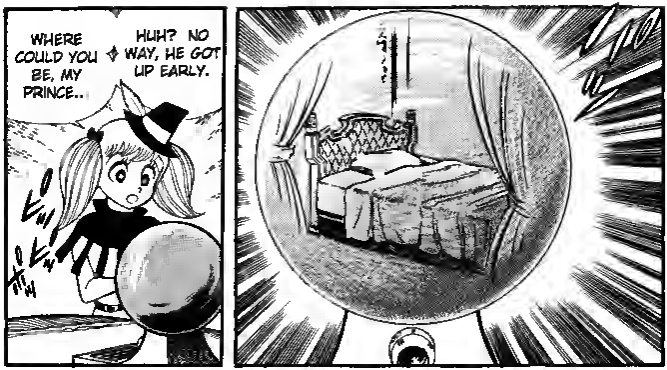

SHE'S... THE ONE IN THAT FOREST...
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS.
AND THIS IS MY YOUNGER BROTHER, GIRGIO.
BROTHER...!?
WHAT'S WRONG, EMILIO? YOU LOOK CONFUSED.
OH... NO... IT'S NOTHING...


THESE TWO ARE SO BEAUTIFUL YOU'RE SPELLBOUND.
HEH HEH HEH HEH, OF COURSE, I'VE GOT IT.
THAT'S RIGHT WE SIBLINGS
WE AREN'T THE BEAUTIFUL ONES.
OH MY, LORD EDWIN IS ALL FLATTERY
HAVE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOU, EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE... RIGHT, LITTLE BROTHER?
YOU ARE, PRINCE EMILIO.

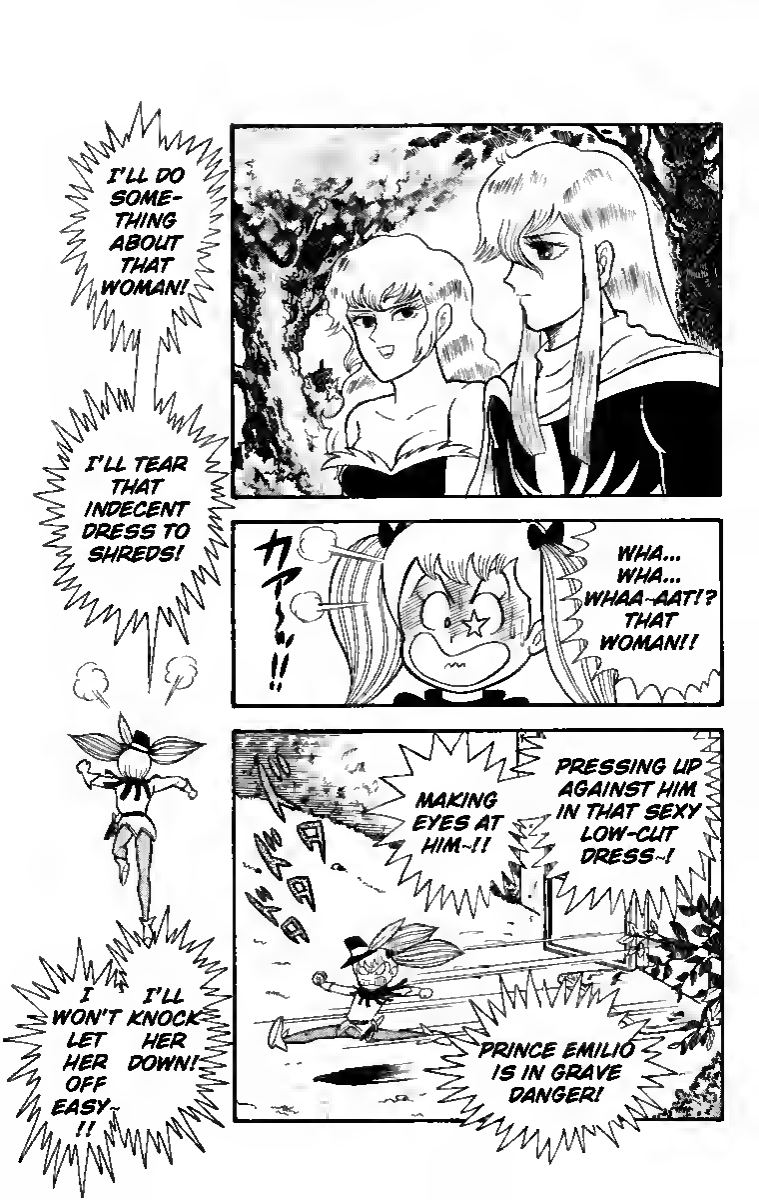

HEY NOW, YOU'RE QUITE ENFATUATED. YOU NEVER SAID THAT SORT OF THING TO ME, DID YOU?
OH, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL TOO, LORD EDWIN.
OR AT LEAST YOUR CLOTHES ARE... AH HA HA HA
YOUR BROTHER IS QUITE SARCASTIC, ISN'T HE?
NO. MY LITTLE BROTHER IS JUST HONEST.
IS THAT IT? WELL, I'M BEATEN. WA HA HA HA
AH HA HA HA HA


IT'S MICHIKO THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL CALL.
OH, HELLO MAMA.
SUUU SUUU
I'LL BE HERE RIGHT UP UNTIL MY TOURIST VISA RUNS OUT.
OKAY-...?
THERE'S REALLY NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT~ WELL THEN, 'TIL NEXT TIME. I'LL CALL AGAIN
MONEY...? IT'S FINE I FOUND A PART TIME JOB~
BUT I TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY AT ALL~
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'M IN THE GRAND DUCHY OF BALLADE- HUH? WHA-AT...?
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M STILL IN EUROPE
OH... I'M FINE~

EVEN THOUGH THE TELEPHONE FEE IS EXPENSIVE, SHE TAKES IT UP WITH NOTHING BUT DULL WORRYING.
EVEN TALKING ABOUT RECENT JAPANESE NEWS WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER~
カリイチャン
AH~ AAAHH...
WHICH MEANS I SHOULD LOOK IN ON HIM BEFORE WORK.
OH, IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR PRINCE EMILIO TO WAKE UP.
I'VE MEMORIZED HOW TO USE THIS THING~
EE HEE HEE HEE


WHERE COULD YOU BE, MY PRINCE..
HUH? NO WAY, HE GOT UP EARLY.

OH!


I'LL DO SOME-THING ABOUT THAT WOMAN!
I'LL TEAR THAT INDECENT DRESS TO SHREDS!
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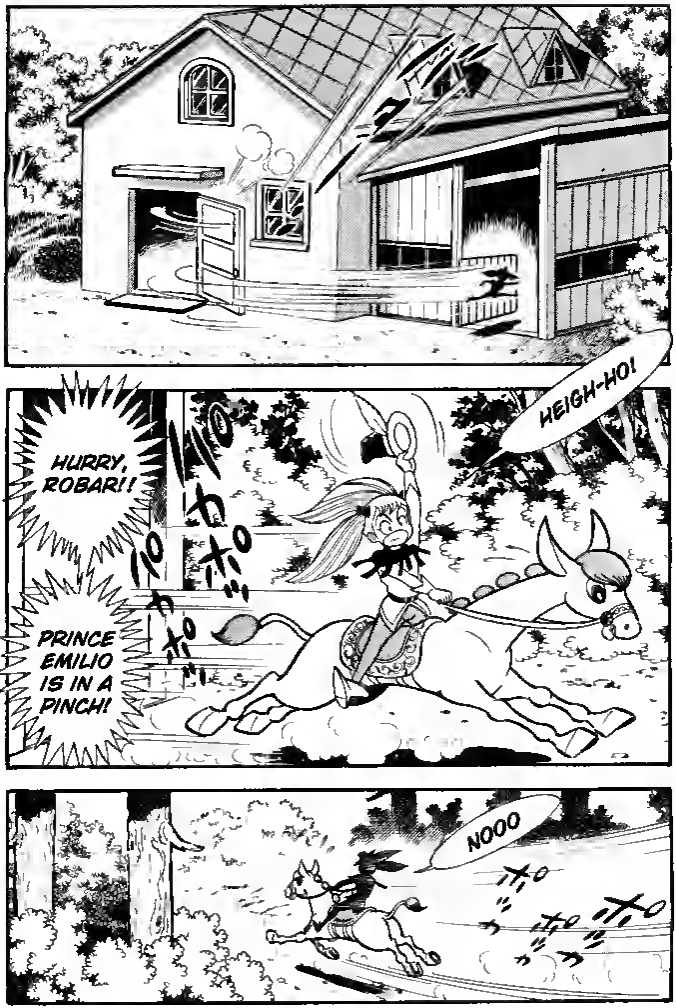
WHA... WHA... WHAA-AAT!? THAT WOMAN!!
MAKING EYES AT HIM-!!
PRESSING UP AGAINST HIM IN THAT SEXY LOW-CUT DRESS-!
PRINCE EMILIO IS IN GRAVE DANGER!
I WON'T LET HER OFF EASY-!!
I'LL KNOCK HER DOWN!

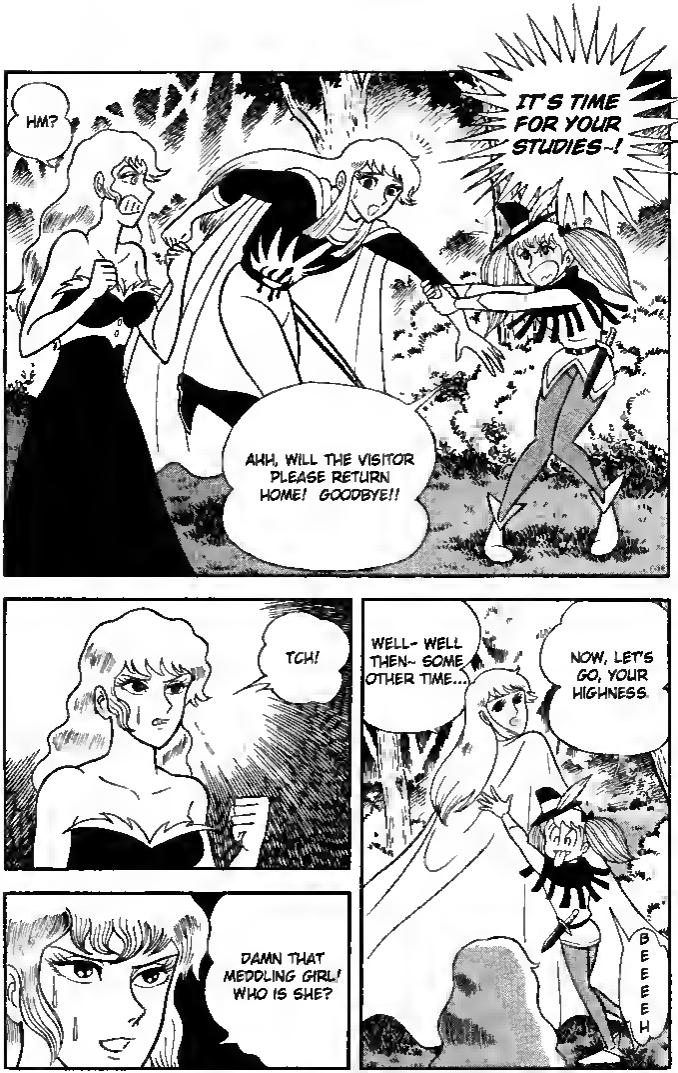

HEIGH-HO!
HURRY, ROBARI!
PRINCE EMILIO IS IN A PINCH!
NOOO

OH MY, HOW PRETTY!
TO HAVE SUCH A LARGE SPRING IN THE PALACE GARDEN . . IT'S WONDERFUL.
THIS TRULY IS A SPLENDID SPRING.
BUT, IT'S A LITTLE STRANGE, HEE HEE HEE .
I LIKE TO SWIM.

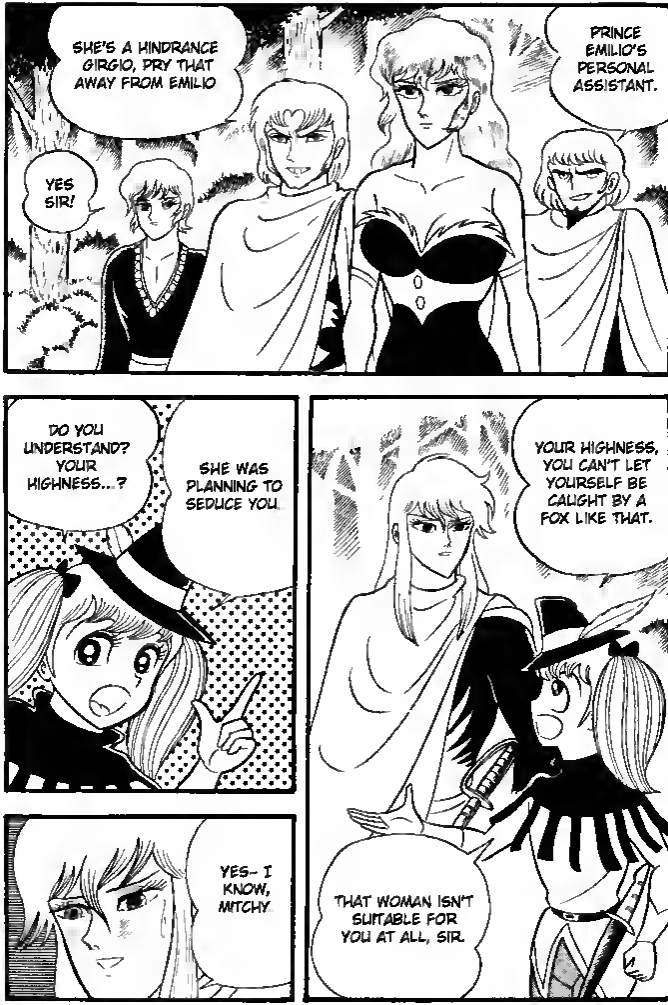
YOU SEE, I ONLY LIKE TO SWIM NUDE--
HEY! IT'S ODD, ISN'T IT?...

YOU HAVE SUCH ELEGANT HANDS, YOUR HIGHNESS.
FAR PRETTY THAN MINE, OR ANYONE ELSE'S.
I'M JEALOUS~
THIS HAND.. TEE HEE HEE...
I'D LIKE TO EAT IT TEE HEE HEE HEE...

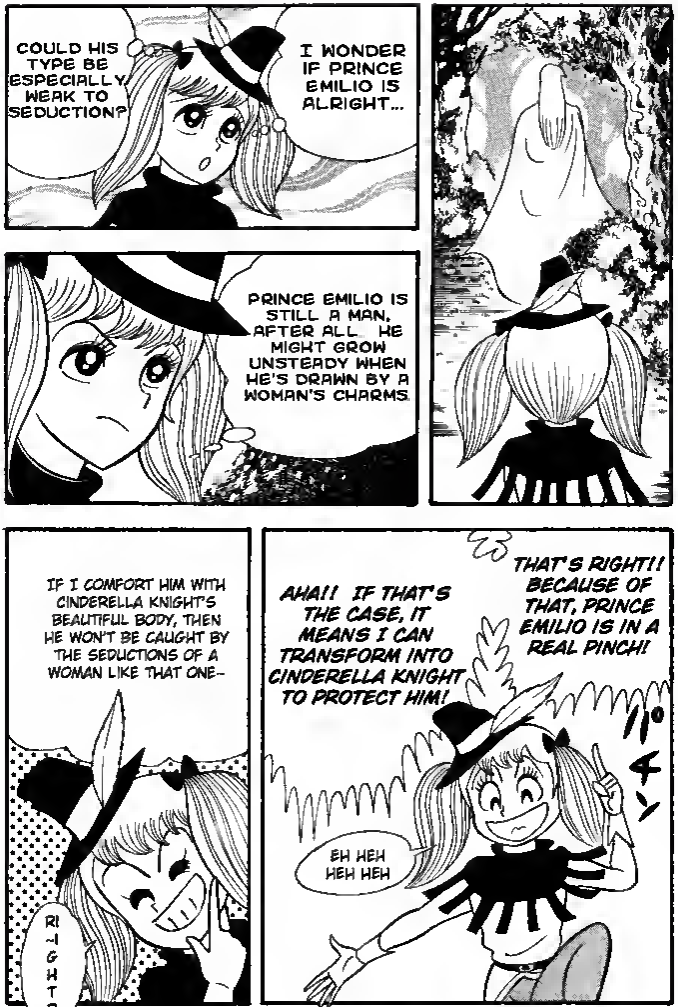
AND THOSE TENDER-LOOKING LIPS AS WELL ..
PRINCE EMI-LIOO~!
WHA...


HM?
IT'S TIME FOR YOUR STUDIES~!
AHH, WILL THE VISITOR PLEASE RETURN HOME! GOODBYE!!
TCH!
WELL~ WELL THEN~ SOME OTHER TIME...
NOW, LET'S GO, YOUR HIGHNESS
BEEEEH
DAMN THAT MEDDLING GIRL! WHO IS SHE?

T/N: SOUND OF STICKING TONGUE OUT AND MAKING A FACE


SHE'S A HINDRANCE GIRGIO, PRY THAT AWAY FROM EMILIO
PRINCE EMILIO'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT.
YES SIR!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? YOUR HIGHNESS...?
SHE WAS PLANNING TO SEDUCE YOU.
YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU CAN'T LET YOURSELF BE CAUGHT BY A FOX LIKE THAT.
YES- I KNOW, MITCHY.
THAT WOMAN ISN'T SUITABLE FOR YOU AT ALL, SIR.

I WASN'T IN THE WAY!?
TEH HEH HEH...
MITCHY, YOU CHOSE A GOOD MOMENT TO ARRIVE.
I WAS ABOUT TO BE IN TROUBLE.
REALLY.
YES, OF COURSE, MITCHY. BUT STUDYING WAS A LIE, WASN'T IT?
IT SHOULDN'T BE TIME YET.
WELL, I'LL RETURN TO MY ROOMS AGAIN UNTIL MS. YAABA COMES.


COULD HIS TYPE BE ESPECIALLY WEAK TO SEDUCTION?
I WONDER IF PRINCE EMILIO IS ALRIGHT...
PRINCE EMILIO IS STILL A MAN, AFTER ALL. HE MIGHT GROW UNSTEADY WHEN HE'S DRAWN BY A WOMAN'S CHARMS.
IF I COMFORT HIM WITH CINDERELLA KNIGHT'S BEAUTIFUL BODY, THEN HE WON'T BE CAUGHT BY THE SEDUCTIONS OF A WOMAN LIKE THAT ONE-
RIGHT?
AHA!! IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT MEANS I CAN TRANSFORM INTO CINDERELLA KNIGHT TO PROTECT HIM!
THAT'S RIGHT!! BECAUSE OF THAT, PRINCE EMILIO IS IN A REAL PINCH!
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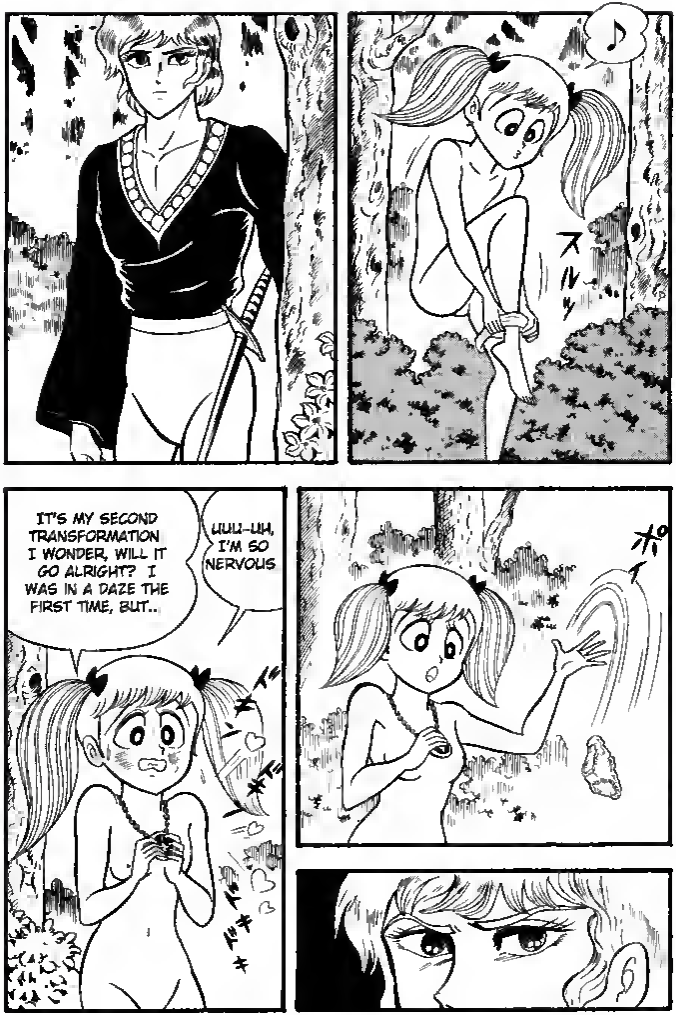
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IT'S MY SECOND TRANSFORMATION I WONDER, WILL IT GO ALRIGHT? I WAS IN A DAZE THE FIRST TIME, BUT..
UUU-UH, I'M SO NERVOUS
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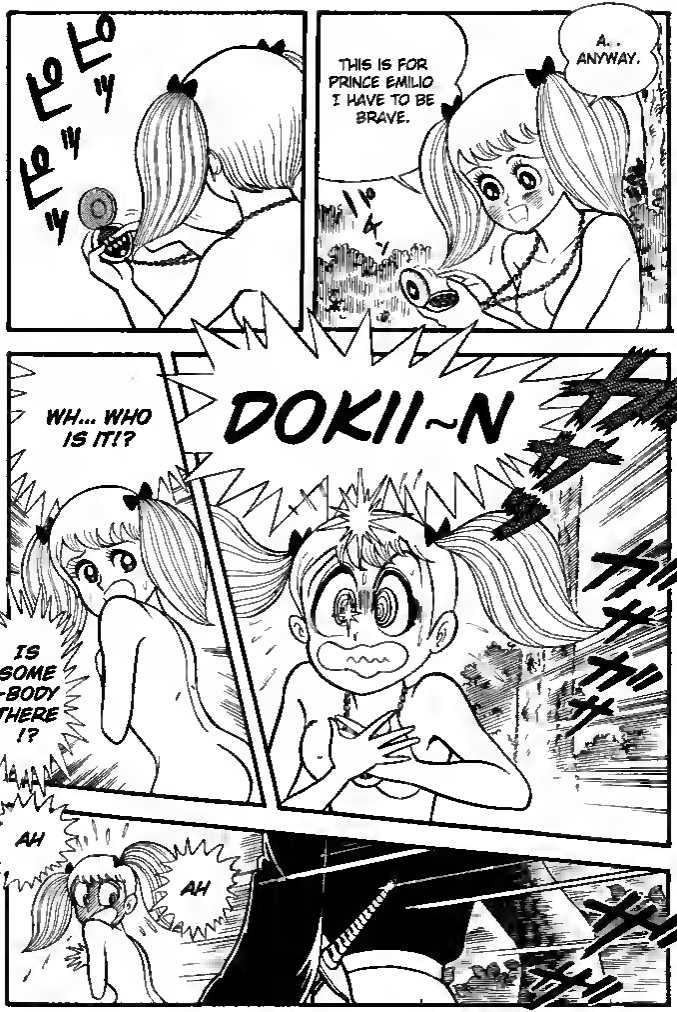
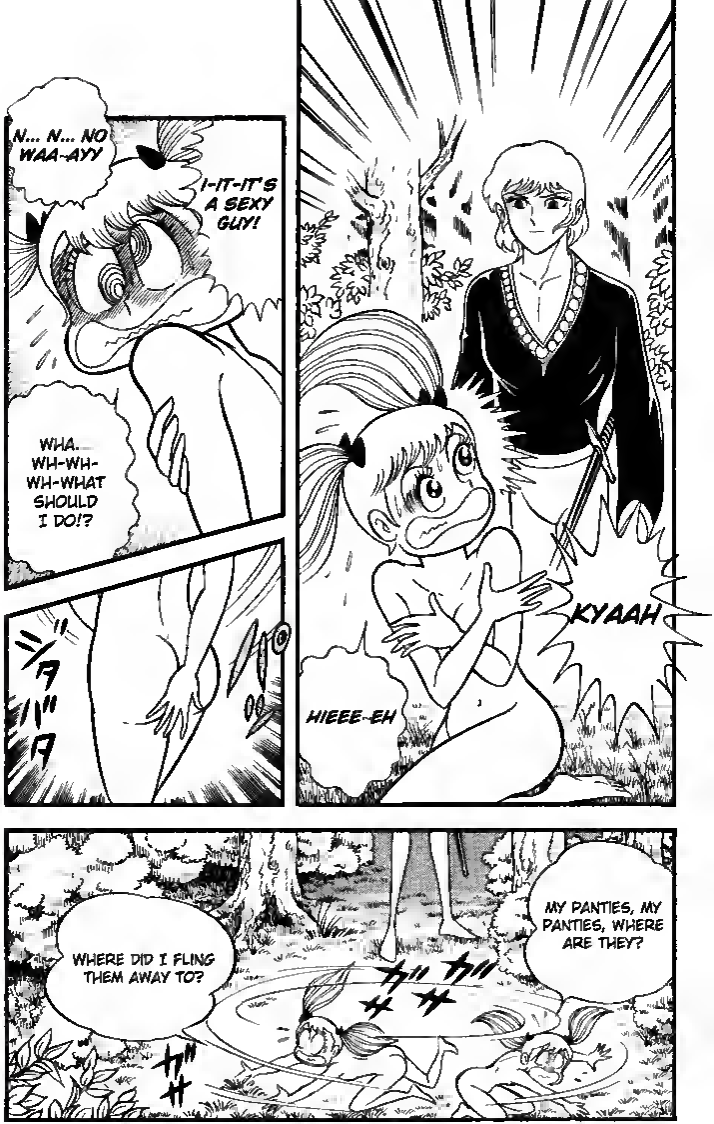
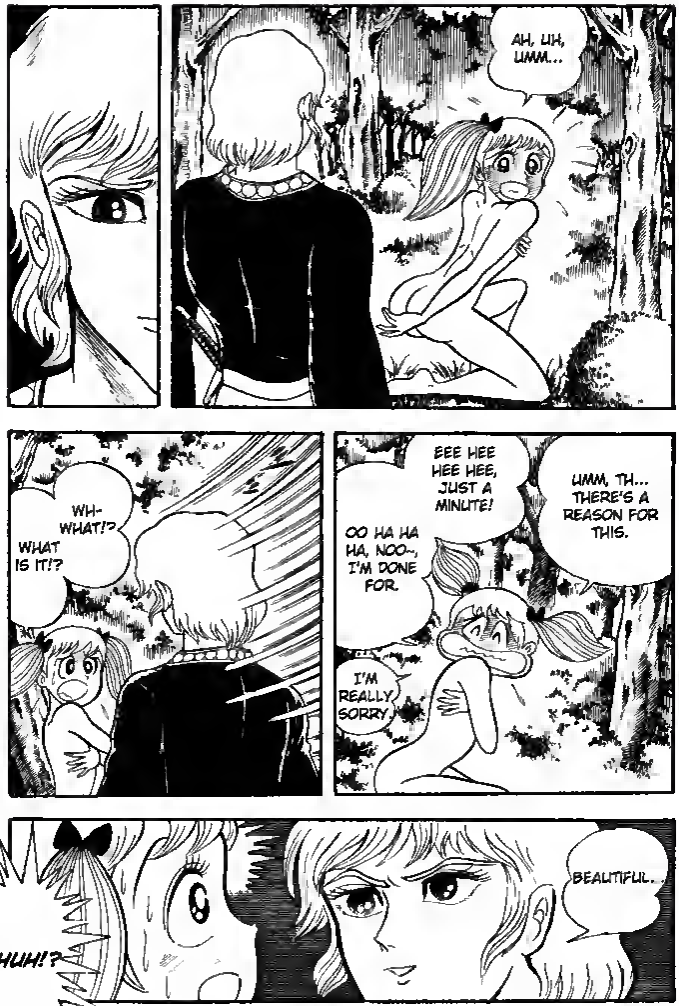
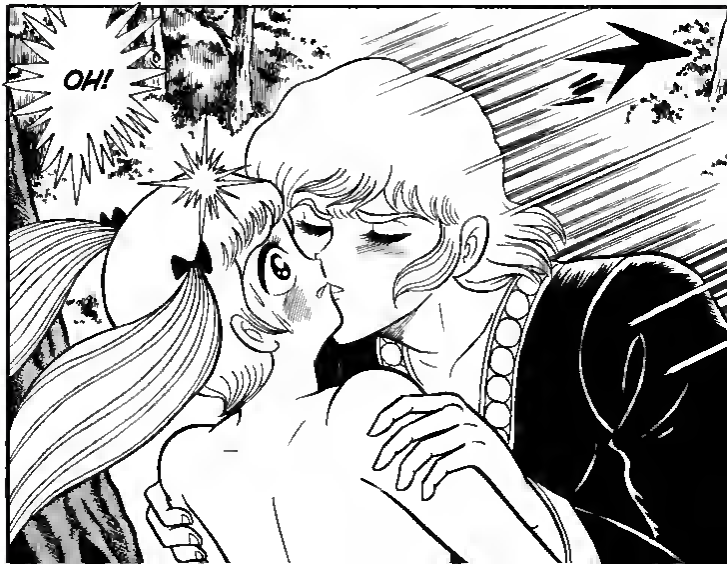

THIS IS FOR PRINCE EMILIO I HAVE TO BE BRAVE.
A.. ANYWAY.
DOKII~N
WH... WHO IS IT!?
IS SOME-BODY THERE!?
AH
AH

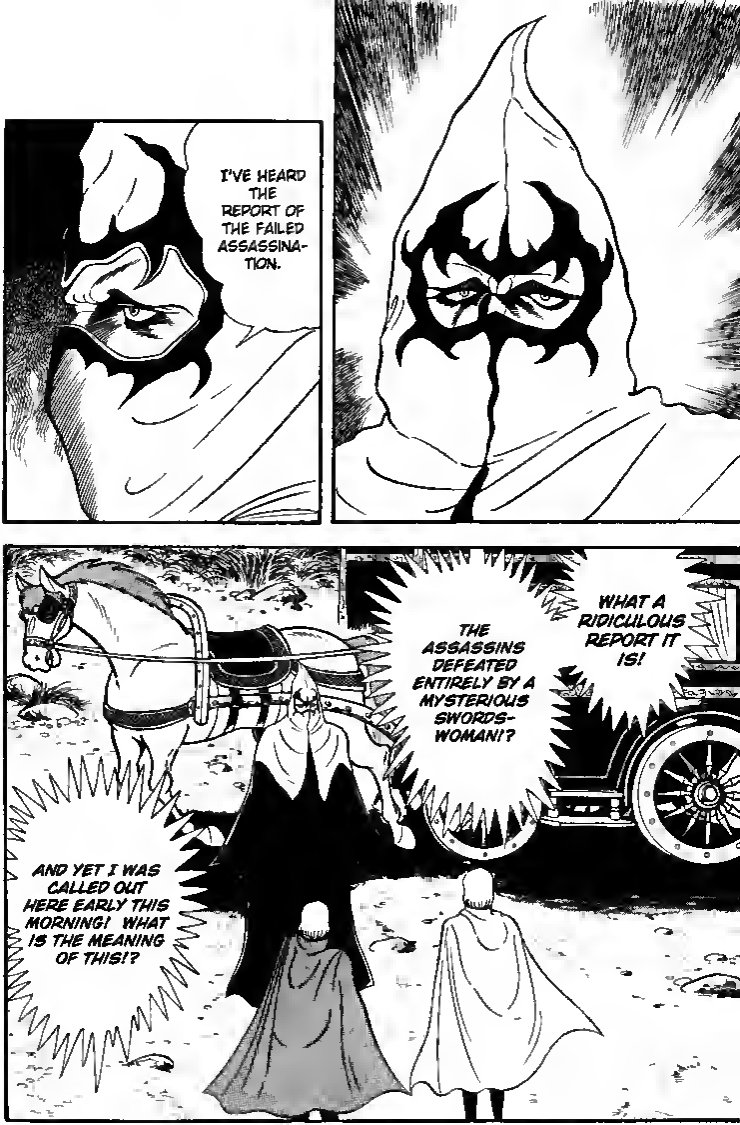

N... N... NO WAA-AYY
I-IT-IT'S A SEXY GUY!
WHA... WH-WH-WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO!?
KYAAH
HIEEE-EH
MY PANTIES, MY PANTIES, WHERE ARE THEY?
WHERE DID I FLING THEM AWAY TO?


AH, UH, UMM...
UMM, TH... THERE'S A REASON FOR THIS.
EEE HEE HEE HEE, JUST A MINUTE!
OO HA HA HA, NOO~, I'M DONE FOR.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
WH- WHAT!?
WHAT IS IT!?
BEAUTIFUL..
HUH!?

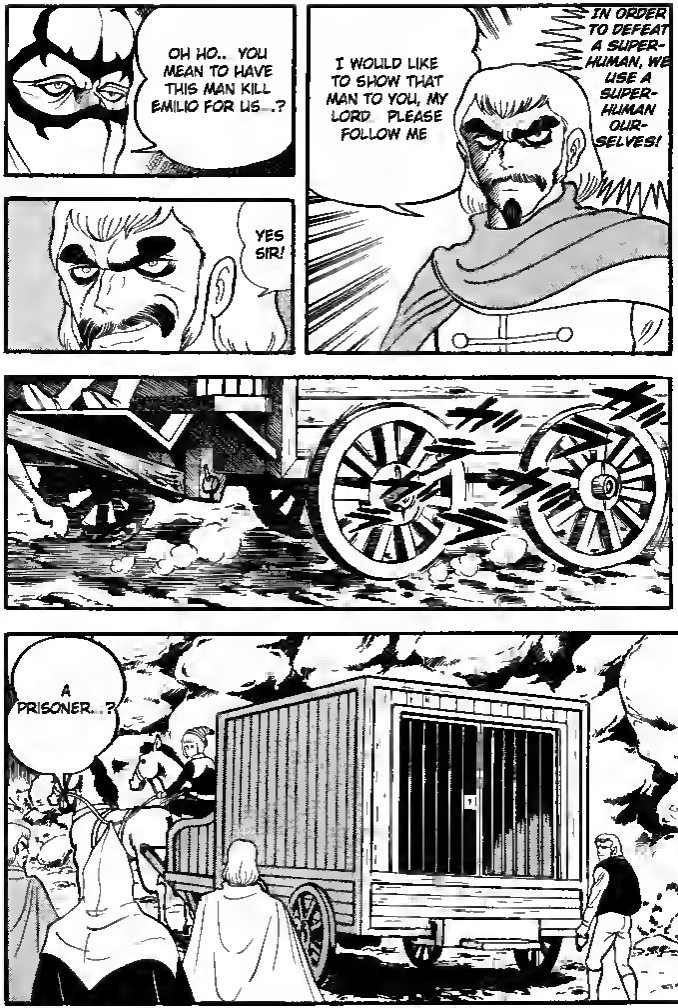
NO WAA-AY, DON'T JOKE! I DON'T WANT TO BOAST, BUT NO ONE'S EVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT TO ME BEFORE!
HUH!?
BEAU-TIFUL!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE A FAIRY.
WHAA-- ATT!?


OH!

I'M ALWAYS SERIOUS.
MY FAIRY!
N..
NO.
S.. STO...
WHAT ARE YOU..


I'VE HEARD THE REPORT OF THE FAILED ASSASSINATION.
WHAT A RIDICULOUS REPORT IT IS!
THE ASSASSINS DEFEATED ENTIRELY BY A MYSTERIOUS SWORDSWOMAN!?
AND YET I WAS CALLED OUT HERE EARLY THIS MORNING! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?

YOU ARE QUITE RIGHT TO BE SO ANGRY
HOWEVER, THERE IS SOMEONE TO MEET WITH YOU AT ANY COST.
SOMEONE WANTS TO SEE ME? FOOL, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ANYTHING BUT EMILIO'S ASSASSINATION!
JUST AS REPORTED, THE SWORDSWOMAN WHO APPEARED TO DEFEND EMILIO IS NO HUMAN.
HER JUMPING ABILITY AND THE SPEED OF HER REACTIONS . NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THEY'RE SUPERHUMAN.
NATURALLY, IT IS REGARDING THAT MATTER


OH HO.. YOU MEAN TO HAVE THIS MAN KILL EMILIO FOR US...?
I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW THAT MAN TO YOU, MY LORD. PLEASE FOLLOW ME
IN ORDER TO DEFEAT A SUPER-HUMAN, WE USE A SUPER-HUMAN OUR-SELVES!
YES SIR!
A PRISONER...?

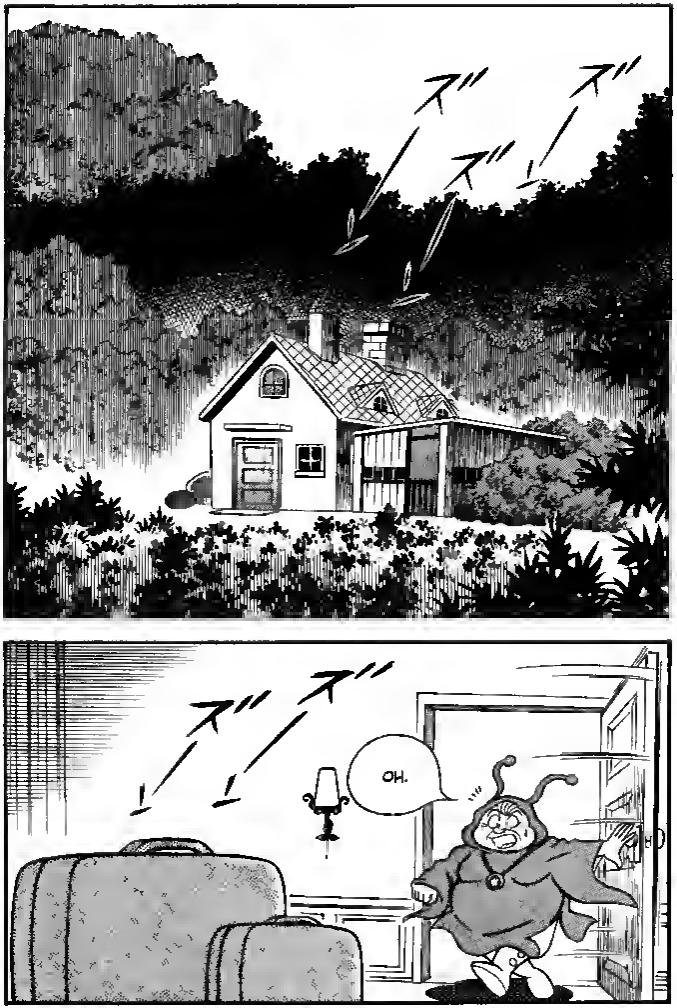
TH... THREE HUNDRED!
INDEED! A MURDEROUS DEVIL WHO HAS KILLED THREE HUNDRED MEN
IT SEEMS UNBELIEVABLE.
C... CAN THAT STORY BE TRUE?
THE ARMY MOBILIZED TO CAPTURE HIM, BUT ALMOST A HUNDRED SOLDIERS WERE KILLED...
ONE DAY HE APPEARED OUT OF THE MOUNTAINS AND ARRIVED IN A VILLAGE AT THEIR BASE, WHERE HE MADE A MOUNTAIN OF CORPSES.
A WILD BEAST!! HE SHOULD PROBABLY BE CALLED A WILD BEAST!
THAT'S RIGHT, A SUPERHUMAN.. NO... RATHER THAN CALL HIM A SUPERHUMAN..
WHY THEN, HE'S NOT A HUMAN AT ALL..

OOO, OOHH
SPLE-
NDID!
WHAT A
MAGNI-
FICENT
BODY!

NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH A WELL TRAINED FLESH!
HEH HEH HEH, QUITE SO, MY LORD!
IF THIS MAN WERE EVER TO APPEAR IN THE OLYMPICS, THEN..
EACH EVERY EVENT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE HIS
WHY HASN'T A MAN SUCH AS THIS BEEN DISCOVERED UNTIL NOW?
I DON'T KNOW. NOTHING AT ALL IS KNOWN ABOUT HIM

HE DOESN'T SPEAK, AND THERE IS NO ONE WHO KNOWS HIS PAST!
ALL WE KNOW IS THAT HE IS UNBELIEVABLY STRONG!
AND AS BEAUTIFUL AS THE GODS OF GREEK MYTH!

WE CALL THIS MAN "BEAST APOLLON".
HMMM...
THAT IS ALL.
THE ASSASSINATION OF PRINCE EMILIO AND THE MYSTERIOUS SWORDSWOMAN CINDERELLA KNIGHT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY HIM!
"BEAST APOLLON"...?
VERY WELL HE IS INVINCIBLE
BY BEAST APOLLON!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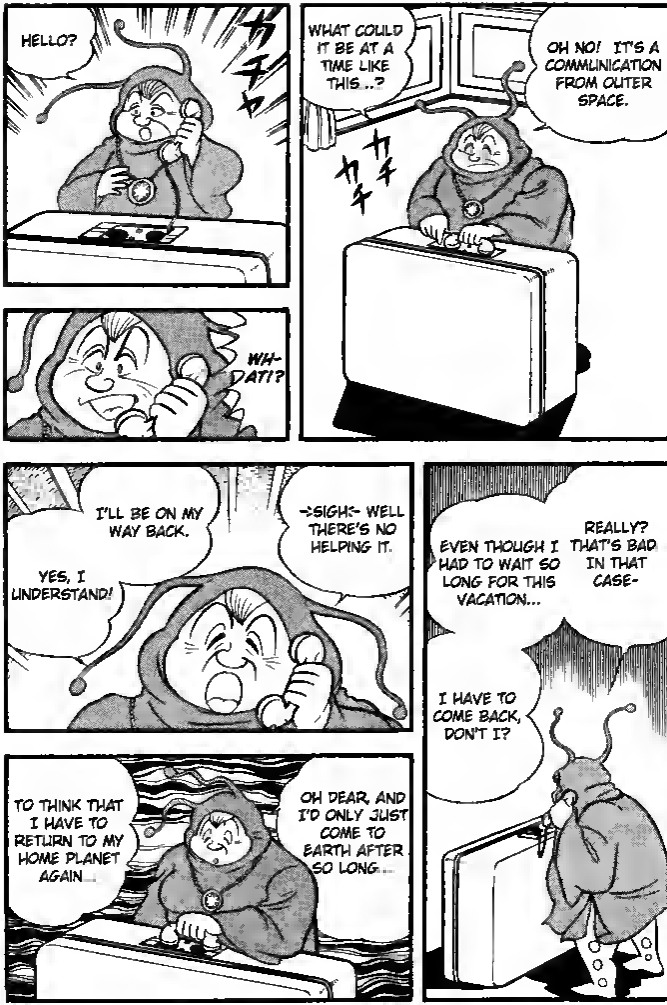
HELLO?
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WHAT COULD IT BE AT A TIME LIKE THIS..?
OH NO! IT'S A COMMUNICATION FROM OUTER SPACE.
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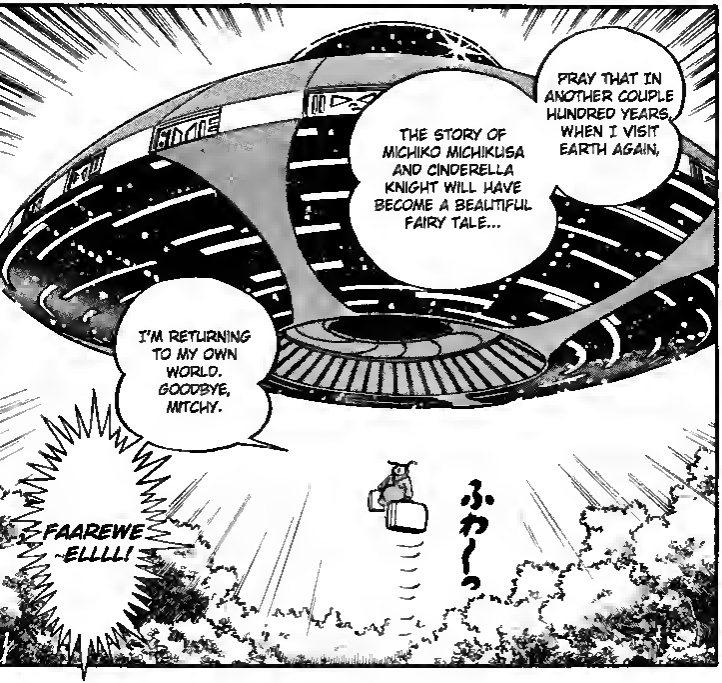
WH-DAT!?
I'LL BE ON MY WAY BACK.
→SIGH:← WELL THERE'S NO HELPING IT.
YES, I UNDERSTAND!
EVEN THOUGH I HAD TO WAIT SO LONG FOR THIS VACATION...
REALLY? THAT'S BAD IN THAT CASE-
I HAVE TO COME BACK, DON'T I?
TO THINK THAT I HAVE TO RETURN TO MY HOME PLANET AGAIN...
OH DEAR, AND I'D ONLY JUST COME TO EARTH AFTER SO LONG...

OH DEAR...
IF I'D KNOWN IT WOULD BE FOR SUCH A SHORT TIME I WOULDN'T HAVE COME.
IF I'D KNOWN IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS, I WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN A HAND IN MITCHY'S DESTINY...
AFTER THIS, IT WILL PROBABLY BE HUNDRED OF YEARS MORE BEFORE I CAN COME TO EARTH AGAIN..
IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF SHE'D STAYED AN ORDINARY TOURIST TO THE ENO, WITHOUT SEEING ANY TROUBLE..

NOW I CAN ONLY PRAY FOR HER GOOO FORTUNE FROM DISTANT SPACE
I'M SORRY, MITCHY.
I'VE ENOEO UP TOSSING HER INTO AN EVEN MORE PERILOUS FATE..


I'M RETURNING TO MY OWN WORLD. GOODBYE, MITCHY.
THE STORY OF MICHIKO MICHIKUSA AND CINDERELLA KNIGHT WILL HAVE BECOME A BEAUTIFUL FAIRY TALE...
PRAY THAT IN ANOTHER COUPLE HUNDRED YEARS, WHEN I VISIT EARTH AGAIN,
FAAREWE ELLLL!
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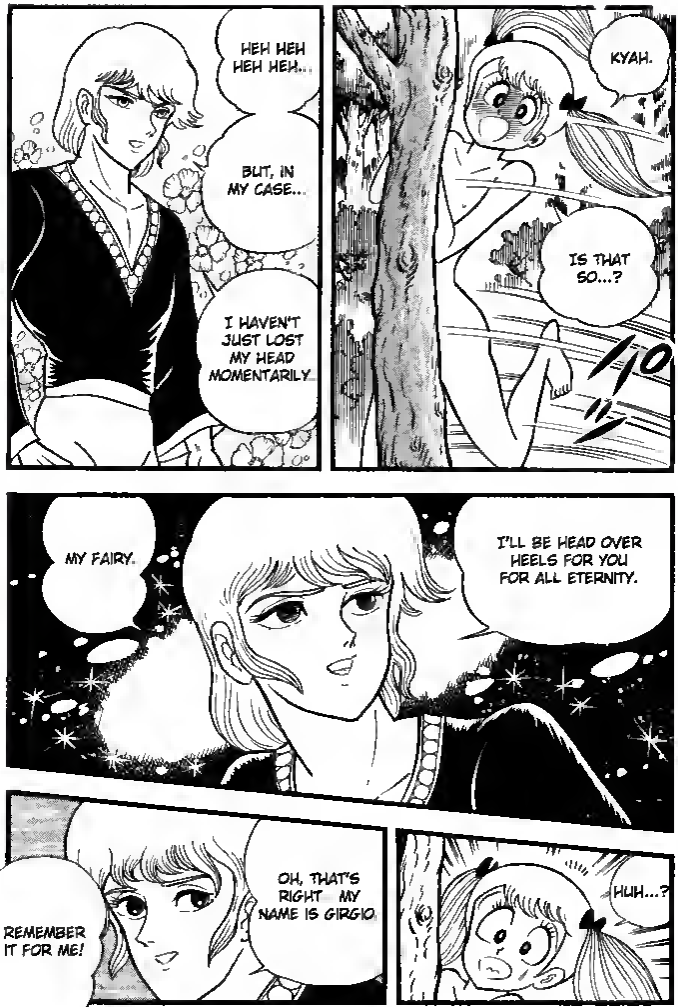
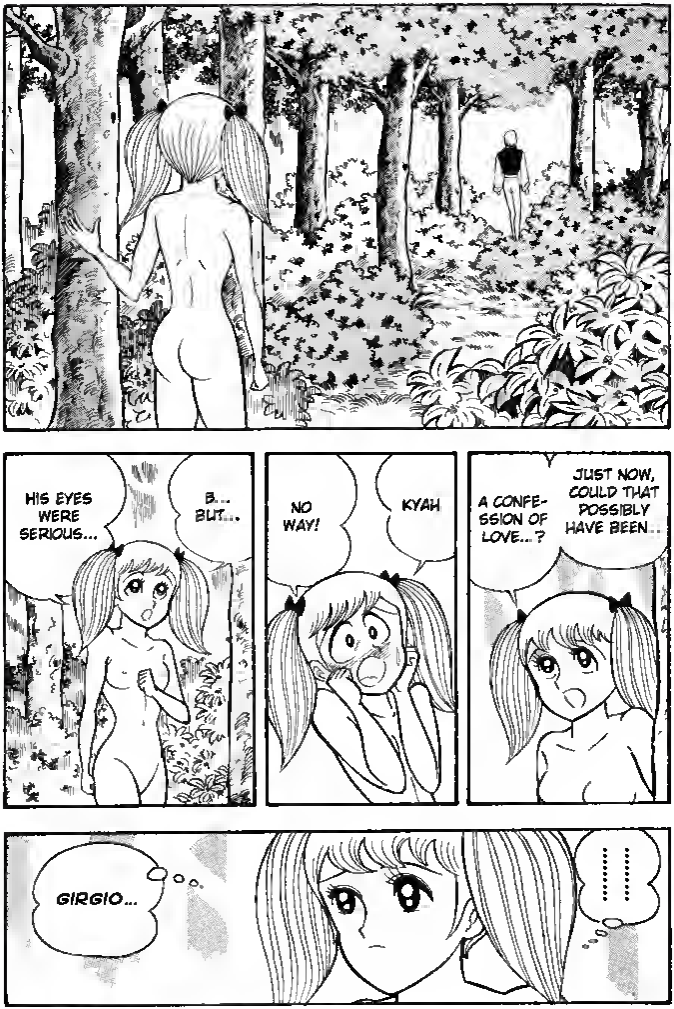
NOOO!!

IDIOT! PERVERT!
GO AWAA-YYY!!
BUT IT'S YOUR FAULT, YOU KNOW
THERE'S NO MAN WHO WOULDN'T LOSE HIS HEAD,
AFTER SUDDENLY BEING SHOWN SUCH A MAGNIFICENT NUDE.
HEH HEH HEH
I UNDER-STAND I'M GOING.


HEH HEH HEH HEH...
BUT, IN MY CASE...
I HAVEN'T JUST LOST MY HEAD MOMENTARILY.
KYAH.
IS THAT SO...?
MY FAIRY.
I'LL BE HEAD OVER HEELS FOR YOU FOR ALL ETERNITY.
HUH...?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT MY NAME IS GIRGIO.
REMEMBER IT FOR ME!


JUST NOW, COULD THAT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN...
A CONFESSION OF LOVE...?
KYAH
NO WAY!
B... BUT...
HIS EYES WERE SERIOUS...
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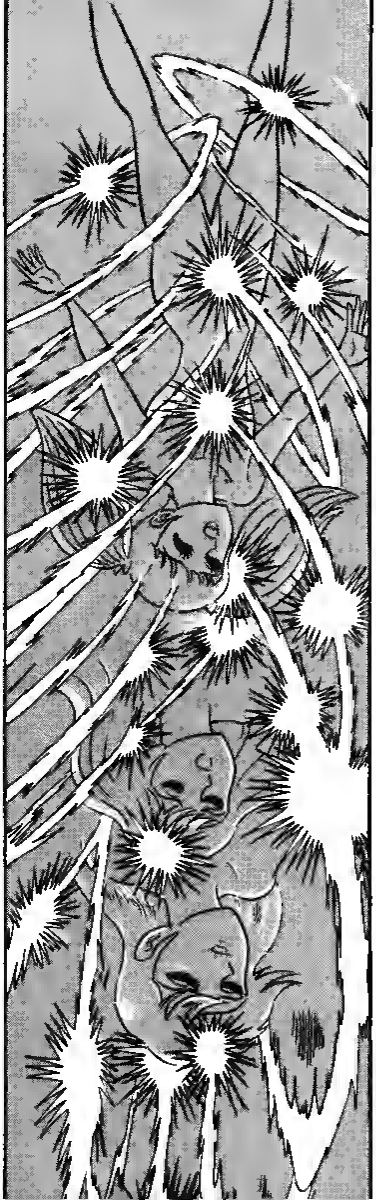
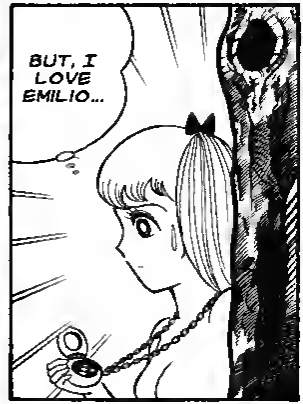
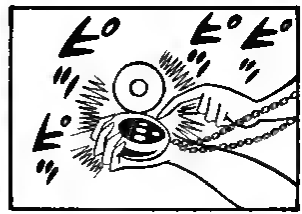
GIRGIO...




BUT, I LOVE EMILIO...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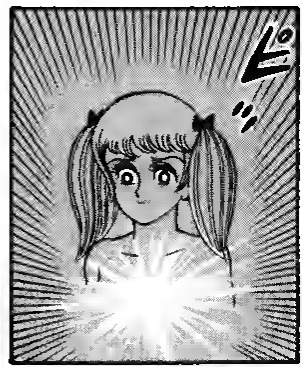
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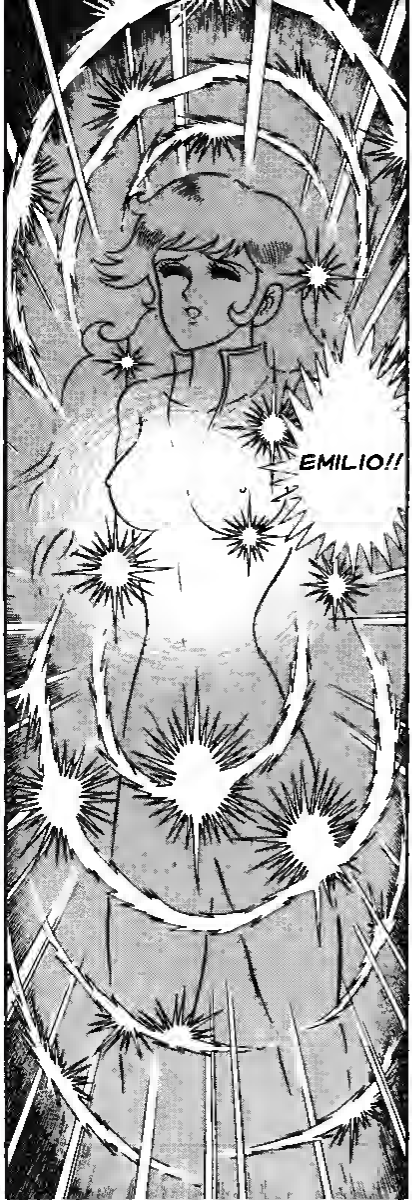
EMILIO!!

EMILIO!

I LIVE FOR EMILIO'S SAKE!
AS CINDERELLA KNIGHT, THE BEAUTY WHO CAN ONLY LAST FOR THREE HOURS!

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